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## School district considers providing housing

It seeks to transform three properties to earn a steady income while maintaining sensitivity to the surrounding area

By Alan Lopez

The Albany school district is seeking to transform three of its properties into developments that could earn the district a steady income while providing affordable housing for teachers.

### MORE INFO:

Potential plans for development at three school district properties are available at the school district office, 904 Talbot Ave. For more information, call 510-558-3750.

"We were thrilled with the idea, because we know how difficult it is for teachers to find housing," said David De Hart, chair of negotiations and grievances for the Albany teachers unions. "I don't think any new

teachers could afford to live in Albany at this point."

The sites are located at 1200 Solano Ave. bounded by Solano, Cornell and Talbot avenues where the Albany YMCA and district offices are located; the Vista School site, between Jackson, Castro and Cerrito streets where the Bright Star Montessori School and Albany-Berkeley Chinese School operate; and the Albany Adult School site, at San Gabriel and Brighton avenues.

The district wants to replace the old buildings there while

achieving additional objectives, said Albany school board member Miriam Walden. It's received development concepts from three developers that the district showed off at an event Wednesday night.

It anticipates selecting a developer to begin negotiations for a contract regarding the properties around Oct. 25.

"This is a long-term plan," Walden said. "We're not anywhere close to making proposals; we're just looking at what might be possible."

The district has specific goals in mind, according to a request for proposals it offered several months ago.

It's seeking to relocate the district offices; maintain at least nine classrooms for preschool, child care and adult programs now located at two of the sites; provide low-cost rental apartments for beginning teachers, police officers and firefighters that work in Albany; provide an "economic return" to the district; and present projects of high-quality architectural designs, sensitive

to the surrounding area while promoting a "green" project to the extent possible.

Developer Jazz Builders envisions a retail and housing project on Solano Avenue that would incorporate affordable housing, as well as the district offices and storage, along with the preschool and adult school classrooms.

At the Vista site, Jazz Builders proposes eight townhomes and 12 attached or single-family units.

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## Ocean View principal has big shoes to fill

Julie Valdez, 30, will take on one of the most diverse student populations in the school district

By Alan Lopez

Julie Valdez takes little time to leave a strong impression. "She carried herself in such a way that a great balance of being approachable and yet a leader and somebody confident and who can make decisions," said Miller, an interim vice principal in Lafayette school district where Valdez used to work.

That may explain why it's taken the 30-year-old little time to become the principal of one of Albany's top schools. Valdez is the new principal at Ocean View Elementary School. The school district appointed her over the summer following the resignation of Madeleine Hennings, a popular administrator who followed her husband to Florida for a job opportunity.

With 450 students, Ocean View has perhaps the most diverse student population in the district and, like all Albany schools, brag about its state test scores, said school board member Miriam Walden.

"Ocean View is a very high-performing school in terms of the students there and the test scores they get," said Walden. "It is a very diverse school, maybe a bit more so than other schools, but we try to mix things up."

Ocean View scored 899 on the California Academic Performance Index for 2004 on a 1,000-point scale. The state considers any score above 800 excellent.

Valdez is aware of the school's reputation and the "big shoes" she's filling following Hennings' resignation.

Between rushing to meetings a few



JULIE VALDEZ, the new principal at Ocean View Elementary in Albany, visits a class on the first day of school last week.

### ON THE WEB

■ To view the API score for your school, go to [ContraCostaTimes.com](http://ContraCostaTimes.com)

days before the first day of school last week, Valdez said she wanted to work with parents and other administrators to maintain the high quality of education at the school.

"I think maintaining the excellent program already in place and exploring options for improvement would be my focus," she said.

Valdez, an El Cerrito resident, is no stranger to high-performing school districts.

After graduating from UC Berkeley in 1997 with a degree in American studies with an emphasis on immigration, she earned a teaching credential at Mills Col-

lege. Then she taught first and second grade at Wagner Ranch Elementary School in Orinda for three years.

She spent a year teaching at the private Head Royce School, in Oakland, then came back to teach fifth grade at Wagner Ranch for one year while attending St. Mary's College to earn a master's degree in educational leadership.

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## Student receives national attention

By Chris Treadway

Even stripped of its catchy title, there's no denying Nina Budaeva put together an impressive science fair entry

school year as an eighth-grader at Portola Middle School in El Cerrito.

Under its original name of "How and Steady Wins the Race," Budaeva's experiment on

stability took first in the mathematics division at the school science fair, the West Contra Costa Science Fair, then came in second in the mathematics and com-



Nina Budaeva

El Cerrito resident's project is a finalist in a Discovery Channel contest.

puters category at the California State Science Fair in May.

Budaeva's project — retitled as "An Efficient Strategy for Making a Choice from a Finite Stream of Offers" for the state competition — isn't through yet. As Budaeva starts her freshman year at Berkeley High, her project has been selected as one of 400 finalists in the national Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge.

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## Religious groups pull off relief efforts

Kate Cheney Davidson and Jordan deBree

CORRESPONDENTS

Local residents gathered last weekend in churches and synagogues, mosques and temples, organizing relief efforts and seeking insight and solace in response to last week's horrific events in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast resulting from Hurricane Katrina.

At Grace Lutheran Church in El Cerrito, Pastor N. Vernon Olson paused his call for donations when an excited 3-year-old girl came bounding down the aisle to show him a picture of her recent trip to Disneyland. "That's the at-

titude Jesus would like us to have," Olson said, laughing.

Like many congregations, Grace Lutheran is sending money and supplies to the Gulf Coast region through the church's national organization.

Nearby in Richmond, Laotian immigrants also gathered for worship. Vanphone Anlevan, a lay pastor, stood before his small congregation and asked members to help their fellow Americans.

"Refugees like us, we know what suffering is like, how you lose everything mentally, physically and emotionally," he later said. Nine months ago, Anlevan and his fellow congregants took

up donations for victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia, and Sunday morning, they gave whatever they could to help a whole new wave of refugees — these from America.

While God's role amid so much suffering was on many worshippers' minds, others were struggling to come to terms with the desperation and lawlessness they had seen set in when the hurricane passed. Douglass Moss, pastor of Hillside Community Church in El Cerrito, nursed his coffee and pondered the week's events.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Council members name commissioners

The members of the City Council recently appointed residents to the social and economic justice commission. Vice Mayor Allan Maris appointed Ruth Ganong; Mayor Robert Good appointed Peggy Thomsen; City Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi appointed Kathryn Javandel; and City Councilman Farid Javandel appointed Christiana Khan.

City Councilman Robert Lieber appointed Mara Duncan to the commission in June.

The commission will hold its first meeting on Sept. 28.

— Alan Lopez

## Master plan requested for waterfront

At a meeting last week, the Albany waterfront committee voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council move forward with a master planning effort for waterfront.

"The master plan option is basically a document that would be similar to what we have in our general plan," said Nicole Almaguer, the city's environmental resources associate. "It would likely amend the general plan and would take a considerable amount of time, at least a year to develop."

The council will consider the committee's recommendation as well as recommendations from city staff at its Oct. 3 meeting, Almaguer said. Meetings are held at 8 p.m. at the Council Chamber, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

The waterfront committee's recommendation says the city would fund the master plan independent of any development proposal.

— Alan Lopez

## El Cerrito

## City tries to make Portola Drive safer

The city has transformed one block of a two-way street into a one-way street on the north side of Portola Middle School and the community center as part of an effort to make the area safer for pedestrians and drivers.

The one-way street runs west on Portola Drive about a quarter of a mile from Navellier to Everett streets.

The intent was to prevent vehicles from turning onto Navellier from Portola, where it's difficult to see oncoming traffic, said Jerry Bradshaw, El Cerrito's public works manager.

"As soon as you get onto Navellier, the people coming from the north would appear suddenly over the crest of the hill," Bradshaw said. "The sight-distance was a problem forever, but this will cure it, because no one will be going eastbound on that street anymore."

In a few weeks, the city will install a traffic light at Moerer Lane and Navellier Street where Portola Middle and Prospect Sierra schools sit kitty-corner with each other, Bradshaw said.

The West Contra Costa School District agreed to pay for the \$250,000 package of traffic mitigations to increase pedestrian and traffic safety in the area.

— Alan Lopez

## Emergency training program begins

The El Cerrito/Kensington Community Emergency Response Team Training program will begin its 20-hour program of emergency training skills on Tuesday.

The classes will be held at the Arlington Clubhouse, 1120 Arlington Blvd., over nine weeks, ending Nov. 12. The topics include fire suppression, search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism and a disaster simulation.

The program, called CERT, was formerly known as NEAT, the Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team.

The city is also offering CPR and First Aid certification with six Saturday classes beginning Saturday. Classes will be held at Fire Station 72, 1520 Arlington Blvd. The cost is \$20 for CPR and \$40 for CPR/First Aid.

For more information about either program or to register for the CERT program, call battalion Chief Dave Gibson at 510-215-4450 or go online at [www.el-cerrito.org](http://www.el-cerrito.org).

— Alan Lopez

## Misc.

## County to take up events ordinance again

The Contra Costa County Planning Commission will discuss the events ordinance that would allow a Kensington backyard amphitheater to hold up to three events a year at its Tuesday meeting. The county Board of Supervisors said last month it would support the ordinance but first wanted several modifications made. The ordinance would resolve a dispute between former concert promoter Danny Scher and some neighbors who have opposed his backyard concerts.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., 651 Pine St., Room 107, in Martinez. The commission will give a new recommendation about the events ordinance, which will go back to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. For more information, call Maureen Parkes at 925-335-1209.

— Alan Lopez

## School district to look at cell antenna plan

The West Contra Costa school district's facilities subcommittee will hear testimony regarding its cell phone antenna policy at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the district's facilities operations center, 1300 Potrero Ave., Richmond. School district board member Karen Pfeiffer is asking the board to reconsider its agreements to place cell phone antennas at El Cerrito High School and the Alvarado Adult School in Richmond Annex. The subcommittee will make a recommendation about that request.

The contracts, though opposed by neighborhood groups, will each bring in about \$1,500 a month to the cash-strapped school district.

For more information about the school contracts, call district engineering officer Bill Savidge at 510-412-4363.

— Alan Lopez

## Kensington after-school registration slated

Fall registration for the Kensington After School Enrichment Program will be held Tuesday at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Kindergarten registration will begin at 7 p.m., and registration for grades 1 through 6 begins at 7:15 p.m.

Program brochures listing class information will be available today at the Kensington Library and online at [www.aboutkensington.com/kasep.html](http://www.aboutkensington.com/kasep.html). Classes, which are open to students from all cities, include arts and crafts, drama, carpentry, sports, music and cooking. For more information, call the Kensington Community Council office at 510-525-0292.

— Alan Lopez

## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Monday, Aug. 29

■ **VANDALISM** — A student at St. Mary's High School reported that between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. someone keyed his gold 1991 Volvo that was parked near Posen and Ordway streets. Friends of the victim reported hearing a couple of youth talking about causing the damage. Police are investigating.

■ **NO BAIL WARRANT** — Officers arrested a 29-year-old Albany man sitting in a white Pontiac at the dead end of Taft Street because the car was missing a license plate. They arrested the man for two outstanding Illinois warrants; one for making a false statement in the amount of \$30,000 and a no-bail warrant for aiding and abetting.

## Tuesday, Aug. 30

■ **HOLD-UP** — A 15-year-old Berkeley boy reported that he was attacked by three men while walking home from St. Mary's High School. One of the men demanded his iPod. When he refused, the man pulled a gun. Then all three fled on foot. Other students were able to identify the suspect as a 19-year-old Berkeley man.

Officers are investigating.

■ **DUI** — Officers stopped a white Honda near San Pablo and Marin avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 20-year-old man, for DUI.

## Wednesday, Aug. 31

■ **DUI** — Officers responded to the 800 block of Madison Street on reports of two people fighting. When officers arrived, they found that two women had driven up, gotten out of their car to fight on the sidewalk, then got back into the car to drive away. They arrested the driver, a Berkeley woman, for DUI.

## Friday, Sept. 2

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a white 1991 Toyota Camry parked on the 1000 block of Masonic Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. someone broke into a burgundy-colored 2004 Volvo parked on the 1900 block of Thousand Oaks Boulevard. There were no witnesses.

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Sunday, Aug. 28

■ **RESTAURANT THEFT** — A thief or thieves stole an "order confirmation" computer from the Burger King drive-through on the 8000 block of Central Avenue. Taken sometime between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., the unit was worth \$6,500, according to police records.

■ **STEREO STOLEN** — The stereo was taken from a vehicle sometime between 8 a.m. Aug. 28 and 8 a.m. Aug. 29, on the 3200 block of Belmont Ave.

## Monday, Aug. 29

■ **DRUG ARRESTS** — Police arrested two men during a traffic stop at Tarnalpais Avenue and Cutting Boulevard. Police arrested the driver on suspicion of driving under the influence and for possessing drug paraphernalia. Police said the passenger had an Alameda County felony warrant, possessed drug paraphernalia, and gave a false name.

■ **STEREO STOLEN** — The stereo of a Mazda Protege was stolen sometime between noon Aug. 29 and 2

p.m. Aug. 30, on the 3200 block of Belmont Avenue. The right rear wing window and dashboard of the vehicle were broken as well.

## Tuesday, Aug. 30

■ **STEREO STOLEN** — At 6:20 a.m., the stereo was taken from a vehicle on the 3400 block of Belmont Avenue.

■ **CARAVAN RECOVERED** — Police recovered a stolen 1987 Dodge Caravan at Knott Avenue near San Pablo Avenue. The vehicle was reported stolen to Richmond police on Aug. 28 and was found with a flat tire.

■ **ROCK THROWING** — Police were unable to find two young boys suspected of throwing rocks at a vehicle on Moerer Lane near the Ohlone Greenway. The driver sustained a slight abrasion, and a window of the vehicle was slightly damaged.

■ **STUDENT FIGHT** — Police arrested two El Cerrito High School freshmen at Moerer Lane and Everett Street following a fight there involving 20 to 25 students.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a Ford Ranger parked on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard and stole tools from inside.

■ **EGG THROWING** — At about 3:30 p.m. a resident on the 900 block of Ramona Avenue reported that a white car, with three to four girls inside, was traveling around the neighborhood and throwing eggs at children.

## Saturday, Sept. 3

■ **DUI** — At about 12:30 a.m. officers stopped a silver 1999 Honda on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. They arrested the driver, a 29-year-old Albany man, for DUI.

■ **BUSINESS VANDALIZED** — Someone vandalized a business on the 600 block of Cleveland Avenue. There were no witnesses.

## Sunday, Sept. 4

■ **THEFT ATTEMPT** — During the night someone attempted to steal a white 1986 Chevrolet El Camino parked on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **ROBBERY** — At about 8:30 p.m.

two women reported that they were walking near Solano and Carlos avenues they were hit by their purses. The male suspect was northbound on San Carlos.

## Monday, Sept. 5

■ **BIKES STOLEN** — Two bikes from a garage on the block of Adams Street were stolen.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — A weekend someone stole a Honda Accord parked on the block of Pierce Street. There were no witnesses.

## Weekly summary

During the week of Aug. 29, El Cerrito police received 18 false alarms, arrested one person who was loitering and responded to three barking dogs. In the week of Sept. 5, officers responded to 14 accidents and 132 calls, stopped 89 vehicles on speeding 23 citations and 98 warrants. Firefighters responded to one fire call and medical emergencies.

## Wednesday, Aug. 31

■ **BOY ARRESTED** — Police arrested a 15-year-old boy on suspicion of driving a stolen 2003 Pontiac Vibe following a pursuit that resulted in four damaged vehicles. Police first attempted to stop the vehicle at Richmond Street, but the driver continued speeding westbound on Waldo Avenue, according to police records. The driver collided into a parked vehicle on the 1200 block of Liberty Street and then ran west across City Hall and across San Pablo Avenue. An El Cerrito police detective drove after the boy but had a minor collision with a vehicle at the City Hall parking lot. Two officers on foot caught up with the boy on San Pablo Avenue. The Pontiac had been reported stolen to Richmond police on Aug. 30.

■ **TOYOTA RECOVERED** — Police recovered a stolen 1980 Toyota Camry on the 17700 block of San Pablo Avenue. The vehicle had been reported stolen to Oakland police.

■ **DUI ARRESTS** — El Cerrito police arrested two men at a San Pablo Avenue checkpoint in the evening of Sept. 2 and into the next day. They arrested one man at 8:40 p.m. on suspicion of driving under the influence and for not having a license. Police arrested another man at 1 a.m. on suspicion of driving without a valid driver's license.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — Police arrested a boy and girl on suspicion of stealing \$100 worth of merchandise.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A 14-year-old employee at Shoe Pavilion stole a woman on suspicion of stealing \$30 worth of merchandise.

## Historical society traces El Cerrito's beginning

■ **Book, 'Images of America: El Cerrito,' explores familiar and long-forgotten sites**

By Chris Treadway  
STAFF WRITER

If one picture is worth a thousand words, 250 pictures can tell a pretty thorough story, and the pictures in the newly published book "Images of America: El Cerrito" offer an intriguing glimpse at a city that has seen a lot of changes since its days as the southern boundary of Victor Castro's rancho.

The book, part of Arcadia Publishing's pictorial series on local history and out in local stores this week, delves into the files of the El Cerrito Historical Society, offering a glimpse of local sites both familiar and long-forgotten. The volume gets its official welcome with a book-launching event tonight at the El Cerrito Library.

Known as "the city of homes" today, El Cerrito was once a more rural area that was home to dairies and nurseries, as well as a rock quarry and porcelainware manufacturer. Those are pictured in this volume, along with vanished landmarks such as the Castro adobe, the El Club, Louie's Crab Shack, the El Cerrito Kennel Club and the Grand Central Hotel.

There are also pictures of

## BOOK LAUNCHING

The El Cerrito Historical Society will host an event to mark the official publication of its new book at 5:30 p.m. today at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. The book-launching will include a slide show, and copies of the book will be available for sale. For more information, call Verne Odlin at 510-525-1730 or Tom Panas at 510-655-0900, ext. 214.

many people of the past century, many unsung, who helped make the city what it is today.

Informative captions, written by the committee of historical society members that produced the book, accompany each image.

Following the Arcadia format — previous local entries have included Richmond and Crockett — the book is divided into decades. "The challenge was finding a representative selection," said historical society President Tom Panas. "There were places where we obviously had way too many choices and places where we had to stretch."

A portion of the \$19.95 sales price goes to the society and will help its efforts to find and preserve the city's history. Future books may result as well. "Hopefully, we've whetted people's appetites, and they'll want more," Panas said.



ON SAN PABLO AVENUE in the early 1900s, Streetcar No. 53, the Oakland line, sits next to Streetcar No. 53, the Richmond line.

The group would also like to hear from people who have older pictures of the city and its residents. "Hopefully, we'll flush out people who have historic pictures," Panas said. "You guys all have pictures that we want, you just don't know it yet."

Anyone with something to think the society might be interested in can call Panas at 655-0900 or 510-655-0900.

Reach Chris Treadway at 262-2784 or [ctreadway@times.com](mailto:ctreadway@times.com).

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# Trust of government is broken in New Orleans

IN ANCIENT ROME, the aqueducts that brought fresh water to the city emptied into a huge reservoir. On the other end of the reservoir were three pipes — one leading to the homes of the rich, one leading to the baths, and one leading to the public fountains, which the majority of citizens, especially the poor, depended on for their water.

When water ran short, the first pipe to be closed was the one leading to the homes of the rich. If necessary, the pipe to the baths would be closed next. Only as a last resort were the public fountains shut down. That meant the poor would be the last to suffer, not the first.

That's one of the reasons why the Roman Empire lasted 500 years, which is a lot longer than ours is going to last at the rate we're going. You can say a lot of bad things about the ancient Romans, starting with their sick idea of entertainment, but they never forgot that the basic reason for government is to protect the public safety.

When a government forgets that, it breaks the social contract that binds it with its people. And once that trust is broken, look out.

History is rife with examples of political upheavals that resulted from inadequate government response to a disaster.

Sometimes that's a good thing — for instance, the outbreak of the Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire in 1911, which killed 146 workers, mostly teenage girls. The revelation that exit doors had been locked led to the founding of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, one of the key moments in the birth of the American labor movement.

Sometimes that's not such a good thing — for instance, the reaction after an earlier flood that devastated Louisiana in 1927. The anger over official negligence led to the election of Huey P. "Kingfish" Long as governor the next year, kicking off America's first experiment with



MARTIN SNAPP  
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home-grown fascism.

That trust was broken in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast last week, and it fills me with fear and shame.

I'm afraid because it's clear that we in the Bay Area are also at risk. In the spring of 2001, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) did a study that said the three biggest dangers to the country would be a terrorist attack on New York, a levee break in New Orleans, and a major earthquake in Northern California.

Do you think the authorities have a realistic plan to help us? Here's a hint: As of this writing, the local blood banks are down to one day's supply. And when the big one happens, how confident are you that Richmond or East Oakland will get as much attention as more affluent communities? And I'm ashamed because while I was enjoying the simple pleasures of life — eating a meal, taking a shower, petting my cat, sleeping in my bed — people, especially poor people, were being neglected to death.

As I said, it's impolitic. But it's worse than that: It's immoral. "Truly I say to you: As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew, 25:40) Can it be any plainer than that? Gandhi said the same thing. So did John Paul II, Martin Luther King, Mohammed, Hillel, and the Buddha. When will we listen and get our priorities straight? God is watching us. And, as Thomas Jefferson said, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

## FACES AND PLACES

### Student accepted to Hampden

Edward Aaron Hess, son of Paul and Elza Hess of Albany, has been accepted by Hampden-Sydney College of Hampden-Sydney, Va., as an Allan Scholar. The private college, founded in 1775, is one of the last all-male schools in the nation.

Hess is a 2005 graduate of Bentley High School in Lafayette, where he was active in the Northern California Junior Classical League. He was an organizer for the league's annual fest for Latin students and classics devotees held at Bentley in 2004.

At Hampden-Sydney, he will study classical languages and ultimately plans to attend law school.

— Chris Treadwell

The National Italian American Foundation has awarded Angelo Del Priore of Albany a grant for the Mondo Bambini: Italian for Kids program. The Mondo Bambini is a new preschool-style program in the East Bay in which instruction is taught in Italian, and Italian and Italian-American culture and history are an important part of the curriculum.

The NIAF has awarded 44 grants for 2005 that range from \$500 to \$15,000. For details, visit niaf.org/grants.

— Craig Lazzarotti

The West County branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Masonic Center, Stockton Avenue and Norwell Street in El Cerrito.

At 11 a.m., Assemblywoman Loni Hancock will discuss issues in the state Legislature followed by a question-and-answer session.

Brunch will be served at 10 a.m. followed by a presentation by seven middle school students who attended the Tech Trek Camp at Mills College with scholarships provided by the University Women.

— Alan Lopez

Memorial Park in Albany will host free concerts from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Thursday in September. Mark Russo and the Classy Cats will perform on Sept. 15; La Familia on Sept. 22; and The Shots on Sept. 29.



ALBANY RESIDENT Lulu Lebowitz, 6, checks on her corgi puppy "Sadie" during a break from a bike ride along the Ohlone Greenway in Berkeley on Monday.



MEGHAN BOWER, 5, of the Sharks sits atop her father David's shoulders as they look for their team during opening day festivities of the El Cerrito Soccer Club on Saturday. There were four-on-four games, soccer clinics and food for the 39 soccer teams and some 500 children.

For details about the Music in the Park series, call 510-524-9283.

— Alan Lopez

This year's Solano Stroll will offer free electronic-waste recycling near the BART tracks. Organizers will accept mercury thermometers, household batteries, compact fluorescent lamps, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, cell phones, modems, keyboards, answering machines and more.

An additional electronic-waste recycling event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Berkeley Marina during the annual shoreline cleanup.

Save the Bay will offer discounted bay-friendly car washes on the coastal cleanup day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Kaady Car Wash, 400 San Pablo

Ave. in Albany.

Save the Bay and the East Bay Municipal Utility District are also offering bay-safe digital thermometers at the stroll to people who trade in their mercury thermometers. Residents should bring their mercury thermometers in two plastic zipper bags.

For details, go online at savebay.org or call 510-452-9261 Ext. 130. The Solano Stroll street fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday on Solano Avenue in Albany and Berkeley. For details, call 510-527-5358.

— Alan Lopez

This year's citywide garage sale will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in El Cerrito. Residents need to register by Oct. 3

and pay \$10 to be added to the list of participating homes. The list will be available a day before the event. The El Cerrito Recycling Center sponsors this event. To get a registration form, or for details, call 510-215-4350.

— Alan Lopez

Members of the Richmond and El Cerrito democratic clubs are organizing a West County Special Election summit conference to be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 17 at the Easter Hill United Methodist Church in Richmond, 3911 Cutting Blvd.

The conference is intended to inform and provide a forum for West County voters about the issues in the Nov. 8 special election.

The newly formed West County Coalition to Inform Voters is organizing the event. The coalition consists in part of the Richmond and El Cerrito democratic clubs.

Additional sponsors, so far, include Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia and the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee.

— Alan Lopez

Have an item about a scholarship, an award, an interesting vacation or other experience that you'd like to share with other Journal readers? If you have a photo, print or digital, we can use those, too (sorry, we cannot return print photos). Send it to the editor, by e-mail: journal@cctimes.com, or mailing to: Neighbors, The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.

## PET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 10-month-old female Aussie mix blue merle; 2-year-old female Chihuahua mix tan; 6-month-old male pit bull/Lab mix tan; 6-month-old male shepherd mix white & brown; 10-month-old male terrier mix gray; 1-year-old male collie/shepherd mix sable; 6-month-old male shepherd mix black, 10-month-old male terrier mix black; 3-year-old male booby mix black and white; 10-month-old female cattledog mix black and white; 11-month-old male bassett hound mix brown; 1-year-old female rottie/shepherd mix black and tan; 1-year-old female American Eskimo/terrier mix white; 3-year-old female Chihuahua mix brown; 9-year-old female rottweiler black and tan; 1-year-old male spaniel mix brown.

Cats: 2-year-old male DSH black; 1-year-old female DSH gray; 1-year-old male DMH gray and white; 5-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 1-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 4-year-old female DLH tortoiseshell; 3-year-old female DSH gray tabby; 4-year-old female DSH tortie; 4-year-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; 8-year-old female DLH/Maine coon tuxedo; 3-year-old DLH/Maine coon black tabby; kittens of various ages, sizes and colors.

(DLH: Domestic long hair; DMH: domestic medium hair; DSH: domestic short hair).



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Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100; rabbits \$40 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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# THE JOURNAL

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

### Students need detailed test result, grading scale

By Peter Howard

**W**HAT IS the most important lesson from eight years of state school testing? The state Board of Education and school districts have not done enough to help low-performing students of color. And I'm not talking about how to teach them reading, writing and arithmetic. This has everything to do with how school officials define success and failure on the statewide test and in classrooms.

Recently released results of the California State Testing and Reporting show that the achievement gap survives. Black and Latino students scored significantly lower than their white counterparts. In the San Francisco Unified School District, for example, the percentage of black students who scored proficient or advanced in English was a mere 27, while white students scored 54 percent.

What can the state Board of Education and school districts do to assist students that struggle the most? First, define each performance level (advanced, proficient, basic, below basic, far below basic) of the STAR test. Second, readjust the grading scales that are used in classrooms on a daily basis.

Although the state board has adopted complicated scoring tables for its student reports, it has failed to define any of the performance levels of the California Standards Test. These reports only demonstrate if a student exceeds, meets or falls below standards. As a result, students performing less than satisfactory have no clear road map for success. These students and their parents have no idea what basic, below basic and far below basic means; what they need to do to rise to the next performance level; and what they need to do to become proficient.

No, the state board assumes they have done everything possible to inform parents by reporting a child's scores in mostly numeric terms. They also offer trite suggestions such as "show an interest in your child's work" and "provide your child a quiet place to study." (Why not recommend a specific amount of time each student should spend on homework?) This only frustrates struggling students. Given the difficulty of jumping one or more performance levels, these students, lacking proper guidance and solid work habits, will sink further into emotional quicksand and fail.

For students to go an entire year without understanding the depth of their failure is a tragic mistake. As we have all heard before, the truth will set us free. Or, to be more precise, the truth would set struggling students of color free.

In any event, the state board — and for that matter, other local school boards — should define each performance level clearly. "Advanced" should mean that a student surpasses overall mastery of standards; "proficient" as overall mastery of standards; "basic" as some understanding of standards; "below basic" as very little understanding of standards; and "far below basic" as no understanding of standards.

This would be a big boost for low-performing students. If struggling black and Latino students understood the meaning of performance levels, they would have a much better idea of what was needed to be proficient. This clarification of categories should also be used daily in classrooms for grading, and used when communicating with parents.

All this leads to another point. Most middle and high schools use the traditional grading scale, with an A=100-90 percent, B=89-80 percent, C=79-70 percent, and so forth. As you know, below 60 percent usually results in an F. Because achieving 60 percent correct is a daunting task for our lowest-performing students, many teachers opt to "dumb down" the curriculum to avoid failing too many students.

Since far below basic can actually go as low as 0-29 percent correct, a better grading scale for classrooms would look like this: A=100-94 percent; B=93-85 percent; C=84-60 percent; D=59-30 percent; F=29-0 percent. This grading scale is quite similar to the standards-based assessments used frequently by teachers.

Notice the big discrepancy at the lower end of the scale between the traditional and standards-based grading scales. The traditional-based scale creates motivational problems for struggling students for the simple reason that it is much harder for them to rise from an F to a D. Wouldn't it be better to expect progress in smaller increments? Because we wouldn't expect a couch potato to become Lance Armstrong overnight, neither should we expect struggling students to make the proficient mark of 85 percent correct in a short amount of time.

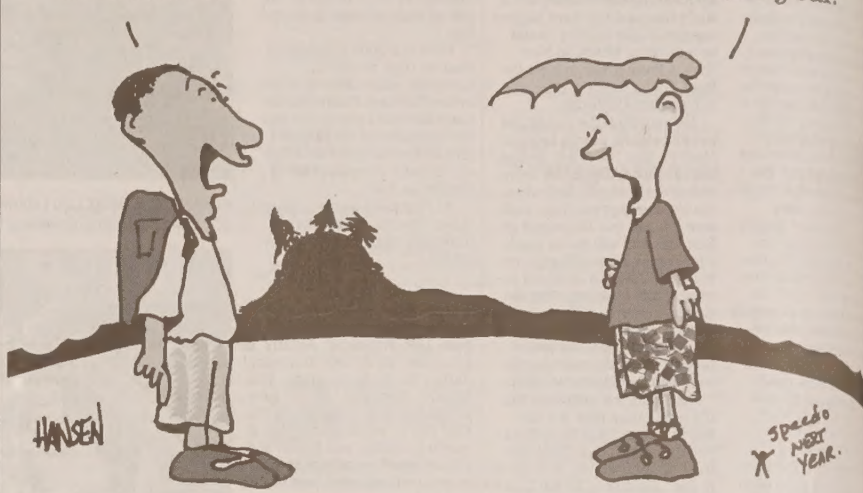
If school officials really want to do something meaningful, they would break away from tradition and adopt these proposals immediately. Struggling students simply need more tangible tools for success. Otherwise, we will continue reading newspaper reports about too many students of color failing.

*Peter Howard is a sixth-grade teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. He is also a freelance writer and Berkeley resident.*

## IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

Those are cool shorts.

These are my pants from last year.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reduce BART fares and more will use it

On the principle that it is better to sell 10 items for 1 cent apiece rather than sell one item for 10 cents, I wonder what would happen if BART tried reducing rather than raising fares for an experimental trial period — say six to eight weeks — so that people could form the habit of riding the trains.

Since I acquired my senior pass, I have enjoyed using BART. For much less than it would cost me to drive, I have time to relax and read, talk to the people I meet, and enjoy the views. There are several free connecting shuttle buses. I don't have to worry about parking.

When I had to pay full price, I did not use the system so much. It needed time and a reduced rate to acustom me to the BART experience. If cheaper fares had been available to me earlier, I would more readily have given BART a fair trial.

BART offers free rides on Spare the Air days; but one day is not enough. This period of high gas prices might be just the moment to encourage people to switch to BART by offering reduced fares throughout the system.

Just a thought.

Mary Rosenberg  
El Cerrito

### Photo-op

Our fearless leader appeared on the front page of newspapers on Sept. 3 hugging two attractive, tidily-coifed young women in Biloxi, Miss.

Such compassion; such a lovely photo-op! His arrival in New Orleans on Sept. 2 coincided with long-awaited deliveries of aid. How convenient.

Bush did not visit the trauma center at the Louis Armstrong Airport. (Not very attractive visuals there.) However, he did "cut short" his vacation by two days. Such caring; such a sacrifice!

The pattern of indifference and incompetence in this administration continues. What next?

Helen Read  
El Cerrito

### Failed leadership

As an American citizen, I am deeply saddened by our government's inability to effectively respond to the disaster in New Orleans.

As a Bay Area resident, I am very afraid: What can we expect in the days and weeks following our impending natural disaster when the earth below shifts catastrophically along one of the many faults crisscrossing our region?

Will our president again use the tired phrase, "No one could have anticipated ..." followed almost immediately by his press secretary decrying "playing politics" when reporters point to the long history of earthquake predictions and the need to prepare?

If any Bay Area resident accepts the excuse that "no one anticipated a levee failure" in New Orleans, then they are accepting a level of incompetence and cal-

lousness that will come back to haunt when we need help.

Plenty of people anticipated the levee breaches, even while the federal government slashed funds for levee maintenance.

Meanwhile, Americans across the country can only offer our help through donations to relief agencies. Our "leadership" has once again failed to prevent a catastrophe (the levee breaches might have been avoided) and failed to respond adequately. Now we, as fellow citizens, have to pick up the slack.

Frances Malamud-Roam  
El Cerrito

### Global warming

Characterizing Katrina as a natural disaster dismisses the responsibility that we humans bear for the level of devastation wrought by this hurricane and its disproportionate impacts on our most vulnerable populations.

The oil and coal industries burn fossil fuels with impunity, likely resulting in warming waters and more severe hurricane intensity. Unfortunately, Bush opposes mandatory CO2 caps due to "the incomplete state of scientific knowledge" about climate change.

Evidently, our president missed the study published last month in the journal "Nature" that linked the increasing prevalence of destructive hurricanes to human-induced global warming.

Meanwhile, war rages in Iraq, siphoning the lion's share of our nation's human and fiscal resources, while the Department of Homeland Security (revamped to include FEMA) fails to respond adequately to its first major crisis. Perhaps the color-coded threat level should be raised to alert us of increasing environmental degradation and growing poverty that threaten our genuine national security.

In the Greek myth of Pandora, the last thing to emerge from the box of afflictions is hope. Let's hope that the havoc wreaked from New Orleans to Baghdad will serve as a wake-up call to end our addiction to fossil fuel, adopt a clean energy policy, and create a more equitable, peaceful and sustainable future.

Lisa Jacobs Pontecorvo  
Albany

### It will all be twisted

Whether Iraq devises a constitution acceptable to our principles is neither here nor there.

First, as in the case of Nicaragua, we can

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be certain its actual content will be ignored and the outcome spun by the Republican regime in whatever manner suits its end. We already suffer the absurdity of President Bush assuring us that in a document tainted by Islamic orthodoxy, the rights of women will be stressed.

But second, is it any of our business? Launching a dishonest invasion that has killed 25,000 of their citizenry, counting only those who did not oppose us, and losing a few of our own does not create a mandate to bribe a Chalabi to incorporate our unsolicited views.

Michael Blomhard  
Kensington

### Maris proposal inappropriate

Councilman Allan Maris is out there name-calling.

He has said Journal staff writer Alan Lopez inappropriately reported that Maris' proposed Policy and Procedures for Placing Items on the Albany City Council Agenda "was a request to limit council members' ability to raise items for discussion or vote."

I think it is obvious to most folks that making it more difficult to get an item on an agenda limits one's ability to raise items for discussion. I fail to see the inappropriateness of Lopez's article. He is simply reporting objectively.

He then calls me inappropriate for writing a letter to the editor comparing the Supreme Court ruling that local city governments can seize property to Maris' agenda proposal. I stated that both represent an erosion of citizens' basic rights and pursuit of happiness. I stand by that statement.

Maris states in a recent City Council meeting, "My purpose is to draw up a procedure to improve the quality of agenda items presented."

Look carefully at the phrase "quality of agenda items." Sounds like something from the old Soviet bloc, doesn't it?

What if Maris and his cronies don't think your issue is of quality? You don't have a voice anymore — no more democracy! Now, that's inappropriate.

Steve Piant  
Albany

### Walking in circles

I am outraged in the response to Katrina's aftermath.

The victims, many with basic survival needs, were left to fend for themselves. The TV news picture of an old lady in a wheelchair left to die with another body lying nearby was terrible. Perhaps she was seeking help at the New Orleans shelter.

Don't tell me what a great job is being done? Where was the help for her? FEMA didn't set up a command center in the vicinity in the critical first three days after the city flooded. It acted like a duck bopped in the head walking around in a circle.

It should be taken out of Department of Homeland Security control. Although a big change, it would be worth it if FEMA would respond more efficiently and effectively when disaster strikes.

Jim Currier  
Berkeley

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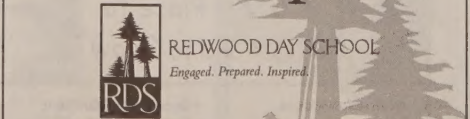


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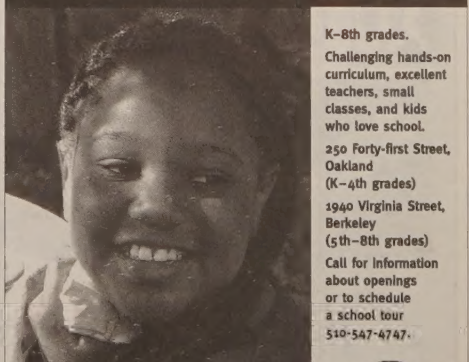
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# SCHOOLS

## Black Pine Circle

Black Pine Circle School, a K-8th grade school in Berkeley, opens the academic year with a number of exciting changes.

John Carlstroem joins BPC as the new Head of School. With 20 years of experience, most recently as the Assistant Head of School and Middle School Head of the Hamlin School of San Francisco, Mr. Carlstroem brings to BPC his experiential, inter-disciplinary, and humanistic approach to learning that epitomizes BPC's curriculum.

BPC also welcomes Kassandre Harper-Cotton as the Community Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator to lead and improve BPC's efforts in community service and student and faculty diversity.

This year, BPC will inaugurate its Founders' Building, a new classroom space and a 2,000 square foot library, named in honor of the school's original founders.

Black Pine Circle School, established in 1973, is a K-8 independent school in Berkeley, California, specializing in the discovery teaching method taking care to supplement core subjects with artistic endeavors. Visit us this fall to learn more about our curriculum and 2006-2007 enrollment (see ad on this page for Open House dates).

## The Academy

For over 20 years, the Piedmont Choirs have been serving the children of the East Bay with a dynamic education in choral music. The internationally-recognized organization consists of 12 choirs, made up of over 350 boys and girls ages 6-18, who rehearse in either Piedmont or Alameda. Singers can progress through a series of training choirs to elite performing groups that tour nationally and internationally, winning top honors in competitions as well as experiencing different cultures and making lifelong friends. All groups perform several times a year, and the organization frequently collaborates with major Bay Area performing arts organizations such as the San Francisco and Oakland East Bay symphonies. The Choirs will also host the Golden Gate International Children's Choir Festival in June 2006. Friendly, low-key try-outs are held several times a year, and scholarships are available. Visit the Choirs on the Web at [www.piedmontchoirs.org](http://www.piedmontchoirs.org) or call us at 510/547-4441!

## The Academy

The Academy is an independent, co-educational school offering Kindergarten through Eighth grades. The school offers an accelerated academic program in a warm family atmosphere where students who are well motivated & eager to learn.

While the curriculum is traditional & academic, it provides opportunities for creative experience & expression, a philosophy that only upon knowledge can creative potential & self-expression more fully developed.

The Academy offers summer programs of academic enrichment. Morning academic classes focus on improving students' study skills as well as helping students gain confidence & mastery in core areas. Afternoon recreation classes are a variety of dance, ceramics, swimming, science, & Friday field trips! We also offer services as well as a morning program for children starting in the Fall.

The school is ethnically, culturally, & socio-economically diverse. This diversity is celebrated in the daily life of the school as students cross the boundaries of age, gender & background.

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## Park Day School

Founded in 1976, Park Day School is a progressive independent elementary school committed to serving the social, emotional and academic needs of students in an engaging learning environment. The school is situated on a beautiful two acre garden-like campus in the Temescal neighborhood of north Oakland. This year the school will celebrate its 30th anniversary.

During the 2005-06 school year, the school will expand to 7th and 8th grades, by combining schools with the Community School of the East Bay. This expansion means that Park Day School will now serve children through their elementary and middle school years.

With an average of fourteen years teaching at the school, the experienced faculty seeks to provide a nurturing and exciting learning program for children. From kindergarten on, students take classes in Spanish, art, music and sports/movement in addition to the regular classroom curriculum.

For admissions information contact Flo Hodes, Assistant Director and Admissions Coordinator - (510)653-0317 x101 or visit our website - [www.parkdayschool.org](http://www.parkdayschool.org).

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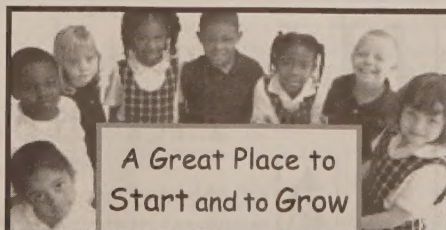
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On Saturday, September 10th we are holding an open house for our novices (no experience necessary) squad for 2005. If you are athletic, enjoy being challenged, want to be part of a competitive team and are interested in trying something new, come to the open house to learn more about rowing for the Strokes!

#### No experience necessary!!!

You need only the desire to challenge yourself and motivation to work as part of a team.  
Directions: The Oakland Strokes boathouse is located 1 mile South of Jack London Square on the Embarcadero. Take Highway 24 toward the BART (the Marina), take the Jackson Street exit off HWY 880. Continue on Jackson through two sets of lights. At the second set of lights turn right onto Oak Street. After crossing the railroad tracks, Oak Street curves left, merging onto the Embarcadero. Continue along the Embarcadero for one block. The Jack London Aquatic Center at Sausalito Park is on the right, before the bridge. For information visit our website at [WWW.Oaklandstrokes.org](http://WWW.Oaklandstrokes.org)

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# Libraries are more important than ever

## Quote of the week

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— From "Dictionary of Marketing Terms" on American Marketing Association Web site ([marketingpower.com](http://marketingpower.com))



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

the same as marketing for a profit business. At the library we can only judge our success by use, gate count (how many people use the library over a period of time) and circulation — how many and which items are being used. We can also ask our users — either informally or through surveys or focus groups. And in the long run, we can judge our success by how the voters vote. If we have done our marketing well, and people understand the vast array of possibilities in a public library — online databases, story times, public Internet access, homework centers, author visits, film series, new books, CDs, DVDs, and so on — the voters will continue to support us.

To my mind, libraries are even more important now than ever before. We are like the little store near my family's cabin — you can find almost anything you want there. I love to walk up and down the aisles and see rubber toilet gaskets hanging next to fuses on one side and candy bars on the other. On spinning racks there are videos, paperbacks and DVDs. Around the corner, there is beer in the refrigerator, alongside juice and soft drinks. There's dog food, baby food and ice cream bars. The newspaper rack is above the logs, and the cereal is across from the salad ingredients, not far from the sunscreen, lip balm, hammers, diapers and everything else one could need or ask for while vacationing in the mountains.

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Reach Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org).

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Friends of the Albany Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Paperback and hardcover books, CDs, tapes and records will be sold for 50 cents. Romance novels and magazines will be 25 cents or five for \$1.

From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., people will have an opportunity to fill a shopping bag with the books of their choice for \$3.

For more information or to volunteer for a two-hour shift, call Marsha Skinner at 510-526-1154 or [marshaskinner@yahoo.com](mailto:marshaskinner@yahoo.com) or Library Manager Ronnie Davis at 510-526-3720, ext. 5 or [rdavis@aclibrary.org](mailto:rdavis@aclibrary.org).

The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave.

Amy Gitelman's pastel paintings of Kensington will be on exhibit at the Kensington Library from today through Oct. 31. Gitelman paints on location with pastels and is a resident of El Cerrito.

The Kensington Library is located at 61 Arlington Avenue. Call 510-524-3043 for more information.

Psychotherapist Jill Lebeau and professional organizer Stephanie Barbic will discuss controlling your physical and emotional clutter on Monday at the Kensington Library. The event is free and open to all ages. For more information, call 510-524-3043.

Children of all ages and their families are invited to the El Cerrito Library on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. to listen to tales told by Walter Mayes, a.k.a. Walter the Giant Storyteller. Walter, who is 6 feet, 7 inches tall, has spent most of his adult life entertaining children and adults with stories, as well as with his message of the importance of books and the power of stories in our lives. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library. For details, call the library at 510-526-7512.

Children ages 3 and up and their families are invited to the El Cerrito Library for a series of four Monday evening family story times at 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 19 and continuing through Oct. 10. Each event will last about a half-hour and will include songs and fingerplay as well as stories on a particular theme. The themes will be dog stories on Sept. 19, Dinosaurs! on Sept. 26; Bathtime on Oct. 3; and Mouse Tales on Oct. 10. For details, call the library at 510-526-7512.

The library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The fall series of Lapsit story times (formerly known as Babytime and Toddlertime) at the El Cerrito Library will begin on

Sept. 22 and continue through Nov. 17. These story times, which meet on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplay in addition to the stories. No registration is required.

A session on strategy tips for the SAT College Entrance Exam by Princeton Review will be held Monday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library. Registration is required. The session is free and open to all ages.

For details, call the Kensington Library at 510-524-3043.

The Albany Library will present poet Tobey Kaplan on Oct. 6 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Kaplan is a master poet-teacher through "California Poets in the Schools." Kaplan has given readings in a variety of venues, and she has been published in numerous literary magazines and anthologies. Her limited edition chapbook "No Turning Back" appeared from e.g. press in 1984, and Androgynous Books of San Francisco published "Across the Great Divide," a collection of 32 poems. She has given workshops and presentations throughout the country regarding creative process, poetry, literacy and social change.

The library will also present a drop-in poetry-writing workshop led by Linda Elkin on Oct. 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Elkin's

poems have been published in The Bloomsbury Review, The Mountains Review, a.m., and in other poetry anthologies, including Terraces: A New American Poetry. One of her poems was recently nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. She began poetry and creative writing in 1991, and has taught children and adults.

Both events are in the Stone Room and are free. Call Ronnie Davis at 510-526-3720, ext. 5.

The Contra Costa Library and Volunteer Center need volunteer translators. The Teens in Transition program recruiting mentors age 16 or older to spend one hour per week sharing their skills and knowledge with incarcerated youth in the Hall detention facility in Martinez. For details, contact Susan Weaver at 925-927-3256, or Peggie L. Technology for Teens at 925-927-3256, or Peggie L. coordinator for Volunteer Probation, at 925-927-3256. The Contra Costa County provide Internet access.

Library activity items mailed to [journal@hillsnews.com](mailto:journal@hillsnews.com)

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### Albany

Automotive Test Only Smog Center, Mikal Jebrial, 1199 San Pablo Ave. Deals For Wheels, Luis Reader, 935 Taylor St. Omnitel Marketing Co Ltd, Cheng Wu, 600 San Pablo Ave. #204. Sivan, Guy Garber, 555 Pierce St.

### El Cerrito

D & E Construction, Daniel Cabrera, 2033 Key Blvd. Inclusive Care, Marissa Shaw, 3442 Yosemite Ave. P.O. Box 1776.

Mello's Mobile Notary Service, Kevin Mello, 5731 Alta Punta.

Recast Records; Recast Productions; CD Sumo and Music Sumo, Recast Records (a California limited liability company), John Brown III, 7303 Gladys Ave.

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Wawa Wash, Susana Taylor, 6609 Central Ave.

### Kensington

Connect Consulting Group LLC, Connect Consulting Group (a California limited liability company), Elizabeth Guthridge, 194 Arlington Ave.

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— David Savage

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

### Albany

Albany Senior Center — Weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 846 Masonic Ave. Health insurance counseling by HICAP on Monday, 1-3 p.m. Writing memoirs, line dancing, exercise, art and Paratransit information. A movie will be shown Sept. 15. 510-524-9122.

### El Cerrito

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — Mondays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 780 Ashbury Ave. Conversational German and Spanish, current events, computers, needlecrafts and exercise. On Monday, Jackie Hetman will show slides. 510-524-1050.

St. John's Senior Center — Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 6500 Gladys Ave. Jigsaw puzzles, tai chi, sit-down ex-

ercises, conversational Spanish. Tuesday, musicians Ray and Nan Smekolska will entertain with old-time pop tunes. 510-524-9122.

The Open House — Thursdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 6500 Gladys Ave. Social recreation programs, health insurance case management, computer classes; monthly line dancing. 4340.

### Kensington

Kensington Senior Center — Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Kensington Community Center. Watercolor painting and more. 510-526-9146.

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## CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

## Cerrito High School

**EVENTS:** Senior T-shirts are available for \$15 at the cashier's window. Students should try to buy them before the walk-in rally on Sept. 15.

**WINDS TRYOUTS:** Winds Across the East Bay Youth Wind Ensemble is holding September auditions for the 2005-2006 season. Winds Across the East Bay Youth Wind Ensemble has school programs to provide students with an additional opportunity to perform quality music in a professional atmosphere. Winds Across the East Bay Youth Wind Ensemble is open to middle and high school students who display a strong interest in wind and percussion instruments, as well as a desire to improve their ability in the instrumental field. Membership in Winds Across the East Bay Youth Wind Ensemble is \$495 for the season (September-May). E-mail: windsacross@thebay.org, or call 415-526-6748 to request your audition. Your message should include your name, phone number, instrument, school, and your first, second and third choices for an audition time. For more information, visit Wind-Ensemble.org.

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tion, visit [www.echsmtb.com](http://www.echsmtb.com).

## Portola Middle School

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Back to School Night is Thursday, Sept. 22. All parents/guardians are asked to go to the gym at 6 p.m. Mr. Phan will speak and then parents/guardians will go to their child's classrooms. Mr. Phan is asking for student and adult volunteers to assist people in getting to the classrooms. If you would like to help please call the school or stop by the office.

**LOCKERS:** Lockers are expected to be ready by Thursday. Parents and students need to sign the locker agreement and submit \$5 for a locker. The locker agreements went home with the students last week. They can also be picked up in the office.

## Castro Elementary School

**BOOK FAIR:** A book fair will be held at Barnes and Noble Booksellers in El Cerrito Plaza on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. When you shop and present a voucher on this day, a portion of the proceeds will be contributed to the Castro Elementary Library Fund. The library was destroyed by fire in April. Vouchers are available at Castro Elementary, 7125 Donal Ave., El Cerrito or by calling Elise Thomas at 510-235-3849. You must have a voucher to participate.

## Madera Elementary School

**PTA MEETING:** The next meeting will be held Monday at 7:15 p.m. in the Community Room (downstairs in the new wing). All Madera parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:** Scheduled for Thursday, Madera parents are invited to come and meet their children's teachers and find out about the school year ahead.

## Harding Elementary

**PICNIC BARBECUE:** A back-to-school community picnic/barbecue will be held at Castro Elementary, 7125 Donal Ave., El Cerrito or by calling Elise Thomas at 510-235-3849. You must have a voucher to participate.

raffle items, call Lisa at 510-236-6046. The event will feature free food, raffle prizes and activities for the kids.

**SCRIP SALES:** Purchase SCRIP every Thursday on the kindergarten patio (Ashbury Street), 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Coming soon: the order form with a complete list of merchants will be available at [www.hardingpta.org/](http://www.hardingpta.org/).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Parent volunteers are needed to help monitor the hallway, guide students out of the main exit, and assist at the play area. You will only need to work for 15-20 minutes during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Please speak with Mrs. Taylor or show up at the school office at 8:20 a.m. or at 2:15 p.m.

**PTA MEETING:** The first PTA meeting of the year will be held Monday at 7 p.m. The location is still to be announced. For more information, visit [hardingpta.org/](http://hardingpta.org/).

**HELP WANTED:** The school is looking for a non supervisor. This is a paid position to work 1 1/2 hours daily. You will need to register with the district office, be fingerprinted, and possess a district ID badge. If you are a Harding parent and enjoy working with children, please submit a statement describing your interest in the position.

## Tehiyah Day School

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Preschool Havdalah Celebration, Sunday, Nov. 6, 10:11:30 a.m.; Kindergarten Information Evening, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7-8:30 p.m.; Middle School Information Evening, Thursday, Dec. 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

**RIBBON CUTTING:** Kensington Elementary School will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 24

## KENSINGTON SCHOOL NOTES

from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in its multi-purpose room to celebrate the construction of its new school.

— Craig Lazzarotti

School notes may be e-mailed to [journal@cctimes.com](mailto:journal@cctimes.com)

## ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

## Albany High School

**PTA DRIVE:** The AHS PTA annual membership drive is in full swing. Already, parent contributions total more than \$7,000, with more than 100 families joining so far. This membership drive is the only direct fund-raising effort of the year. The suggested family contribution is \$65. All amounts are welcome, and AHS students benefit directly. Contact Teresa Barnett at 510-526-6748 or [teresabarnett@yahoo.com](mailto:teresabarnett@yahoo.com). The first PTA meeting of the year is Monday at 7 p.m. in the library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**NEW LOCKERS:** New locker assignments for ninth graders and new students will not be issued until next week. Watch for announcements. If you already have a locker from last year and will not be using it this year, please see Mrs. Harada in the attendance office.

**FOOD CHANGE:** Albany High School students are reminded of a change in the way food is purchased at the lunch shed. There will be three lines where food will be sold. You no longer need to enter the shed. Instead, you will order and pay at one of the three windows. Straight lines should form at each window.

**SOCCER DONATIONS:** The AHS girls soccer team is requesting donations of stuffed animals for their game booth at the Solano Stroll at the corner of Evelyn St. If you have clean, nearly new stuffed animals taking up room in your closet, the soccer team can put them to good use as prizes. It can pick up donations, or you may leave bagged stuffed animals at the front door at 912 Santa Fe Ave. Contact Karen Moss at 510-526-2018 or [karenmoss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karenmoss@sbcglobal.net) if you can help the team.

**COLLEGE HELP:** The College and Career Center in the library seeks parents to help students locate and use college application/reference materials during their advisory periods, Wednesday and Friday from 9:20 a.m. to 10 a.m. Volunteers should contact Becca Burns at 510-558-2508 or [becca.burns@albany.k12.ca.us](mailto:becca.burns@albany.k12.ca.us).

**FUTURE LEADERS:** The Future Leaders Institute is an opportunity for students to realize their dreams while benefiting the community and earning school credit. This is an eight-month program with weekly or bimonthly meetings after school in which students will create and implement individual projects designed for maximum community impact. Applications are being accepted from sophomores, juniors or seniors and are available online at [thefutureleadersinstitute.org](http://thefutureleadersinstitute.org).

**CAREER DAY:** Career Day is coming in November, and five to 10 parents are needed to solicit presenters from the data base. A few more people are needed to help facilitate communication between the speakers and the school, and a few more to help coordinate on the actual day. If you can help, contact Peggy Schmidt at 510-237-7166. The first college visits of the year are coming, including Mt. Holyoke on Monday at 1:15 p.m., and Whitman College on Wednesday at 8:15 a.m., both at AHS; Yale informational session, Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Berkeley High School; and MIT informational session, Thursday at 7 p.m. at Ascalanes High School in Lafayette. For information, contact College and Career Coordinator Becca Burns at 510-558-2508.

**SCRIP:** Shopping at Safeway will earn money for Albany High School — If you are registered for e-scrip. Not sure if you're registered? Or want to register so AHS gets money from Safeway when you shop? Register at <https://secure.escrip.com/sp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp> or contact [escrip@escrip.com](mailto:escrip@escrip.com) or [escrip@escrip.com](mailto:escrip@escrip.com).

## Albany Middle School

**WRESTLING PROGRAM:** Any girl or

boy interested in participating in the Albany PAL wrestling program should see Mr. Rose in the boys' PE office.

**KIDS COLLEGE:** Kids College fall courses begin Wednesday. Look for the new Kids College fall session brochure in your student's orientation day packet. For IES language classes in French, Spanish or Japanese before or after school, see the separate yellow flyer in packet for registration information. Popular courses from martial arts to art and cartooning will again be offered. If you have questions, call Melling Lincoff at 510-524-5129.

**PTA FORMS:** Remember to fill out the back of the purple AMS PTA membership/scrup/directory form. For information, contact Teresa Barnett at 510-526-6748 or [teresabarnett@yahoo.com](mailto:teresabarnett@yahoo.com).

**CHOIR MEETINGS:** Choir meets at 8 a.m. in the music room. Sixth graders meet Tuesday and Thursday; seventh and eighth graders meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Ms. Jordan welcomes all interested students.

## Elementary schools

**MUSIC CAMP:** Ten intermediate/advanced string players participated in the Albany Recreation Department's summer music camp, and eight beginning strings students, kids who have never before played a bowed stringed instrument signed on. The Beginning Strings class will be resuming on Wednesdays from 3:35 p.m. to 4:35 p.m. at 1345A Martin Luther King, Jr. Way at Rose Street in North Berkeley. Openings are available for children who wish to play violin, viola or cello. For more information, contact instructor Dennie Mehochich at [dmechich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dmechich@sbcglobal.net) or phone 415-456-6101.

— Bob Menzimer

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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Pam Middings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to [pmiddings@octimes.com](mailto:pmiddings@octimes.com) or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

## Coming Up

### Children/teens

■ **Berkeley Youth Orchestra** — Through Sept. 9, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., by ap-

pointment. Auditions for 5th-10th-grade youths for its upcoming 36th season. To schedule an audition/details: [www.by-orchestra.org](http://www.by-orchestra.org), Marion 510-863-3296.

■ **Habitot Children's Museum** — "Clowning Around with Love," Sept. 9, 2005 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Love the Clown entertains, child-size circus tent, collage-making, clown cookie decorating in snack room. Free to 1st 100 children & 100 adults to celebrate Mechanic Bank's 100th anniversary. Details: 510-647-1111 or [www.habitot.org](http://www.habitot.org).

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## Budaeva

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"I'm really excited about this because I didn't expect to get into the first 400 finalists," Budaeva said. "I did better than I expected."

Making the final 400 is indeed exclusive company considering it encompasses entries from 43 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Finalists were selected from a pool of 1,966 formal entries, narrowed from more than 75,000 projects entered by students in science fairs nationwide.

The 14-year-old El Cerrito resident is happy to have made it this far, even if she doesn't end up among the 40 finalists that will be announced Wednesday. Finalists will compete for more than \$100,000 in scholarships and special prizes.

"It's really good to get this experience," she said. "It will build more confidence in me that I can communicate my ideas effectively."

Her track record indicates there is more to come.

Her seventh-grade science fair project, "Work Smart or Work Hard," took first place in the mathematics and computers category at the 2004 West Contra Costa Fair, earning a special award sponsored by Bio-Rad Laboratories. It then earned sec-

ond place in the Bay Area-wide fair.

This year's project was singled out by judges at the district level as the most outstanding of the computer category entries, and was again awarded a special cash prize. It advanced to the state level, where it came in second in a field of 16 entries.

Budaeva, whose family moved to the United States from St. Petersburg, Russia, when she was 4, comes from a scientific household. Her father, Bair Budaev, is a researcher in mathematics at UC Berkeley, and her mother, Luda Budaeva, has a doctorate in electrical engineering. "I guess it runs in the family," she said.

Budaeva aspires to be a pediatrician, though she also professes an interest in the workings of the business world and finances and percentages. Another possible career track she pondered was space exploration, "but my dad said he would not let me go to Mars, so I dropped that idea."

When she's not focused on school or the scientific world, Budaeva enjoys ballet, cross country skiing, making pottery, reading, practicing the piano, knitting and sewing, and "hanging out with my family and friends."

She also enjoys travel, whether it's an annual family camping trip, going on a family road trip or traveling anywhere by plane.

As far as her plans for college, "I'd like to take a lot of different

## THE EXPERIMENT

From the abstract to Nina Budaeva's science fair experiment: An efficient Strategy for Making a Choice from a Finite Set of Options

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courses so I have a wide variety of knowledge. Then when I retire I can do something fun."

She also enjoys the discoveries to be found in scientific research, formulating a hypothesis, and proving or disproving it.

And even though Berkeley High doesn't participate in the Bay Area science fair, she plans to have a project ready for the school's competition.

"Sometimes I start thinking about ideas during the summer, but I always choose something different in December," Budaeva said.

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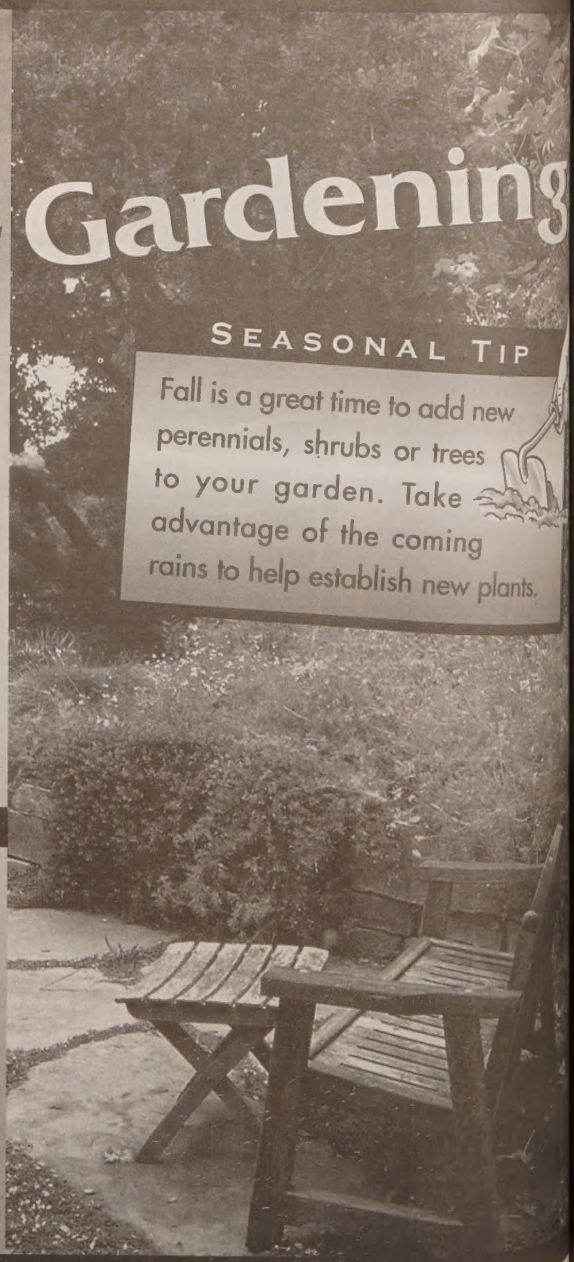
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# Gardening

## SEASONAL TIP

Fall is a great time to add new perennials, shrubs or trees to your garden. Take advantage of the coming rains to help establish new plants.





# Housing

FROM PAGE A1

At the Albany Adult School, the developer envisions a similar concept, or an affordable housing development.

Lead by Albany architect Edward Cornelli, Cornell Partners LLC offered a proposal for a 120,000-square-foot, one-story building with retail on the ground floor. The school district would sit on the second and third floors of the building. The developer would also build a 120,000-square-foot, one-story building with retail on the ground floor. The school district would sit on the second and third floors of the building. The developer would also build a 120,000-square-foot, one-story building with retail on the ground floor. The school district would sit on the second and third floors of the building.

South of that, Oliver would build 24 units of housing. That's 12 studios measuring 800 square feet each with 12 duplex units above measuring 1,500 square feet each.

A fourth developer, the Albany Community Development Associates, submitted a document outlining its past developments but did not appear to submit any development proposals.

About 20 people attended a "trade show"-like event Wednesday night at Cornell Elementary School showing off the proposals.

Stopping by before a PTA meeting at the school, parent Kathy Farley said she thought the Oliver plan offered the most comprehensive and detailed plans.

"It's very innovative thinking," said School Board Vice President Charlie Blanchard. "It also deserves a lot of public comment."

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at [alopez1@cctimes.com](mailto:alopez1@cctimes.com).



# Calendar

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- **Afro-Caribbean Percussion class** — Starts Sept. 10, 12-1 p.m., La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. For youths ages 8 and up. Free. Details: 510-798-5409.
- **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** — Sept. 10-11, School of Theatre, 2071 Addison St., Berkeley. Auditions kids for "Brundibar" and "Comedy on the Bridge" by playwright Tony Kushner and author Maurice Sendak. For boy & girl sopranos ages 13 and under; prepare 16 bars of a song and wear comfortable clothing. Details: 510-868-3275 or [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org).
- **Winds Across the Bay auditions** — Sept. 12-15, 6-9 p.m., at 15-minute intervals in band room, Adams Middle School, 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond. Rehearsals Tuesdays during beginning Sept. 20. Tuition: \$495. Open to middle and high school students with high-intermediate to advanced musical proficiency in a wind or percussion instrument. To request audition: 510-243-0514; include name, phone number, instrument, grade in school, and your first, second, and third choices for an audition time. Details: [www.WindAcrossTheBay.org](http://www.WindAcrossTheBay.org).
- **Creative Movement class** — Starts Sept. 14, 3:30-4:15 p.m., Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. For kids ages 3-5 years old. Part of Kathryn Roszak's Movement/Dance Program. Details: 510-233-5550.
- **Martial Arts class** — Starts Sept. 14, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Dance-like martial art of Wushu from China offered for 5-7-year-olds with instructor Hao Li. Part of Kathryn Roszak's Movement/Dance Program for kids. Details: 510-233-5550.
- **Environmental Science Activities for Kids** — Sept. 16, Whole Foods Market, 3000 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Activities provided by the Kids for the Bay, which receives five percent of store's profits for day. Bring your kids (ages 5-11). Details: [www.kidsforthebay.org](http://www.kidsforthebay.org).
- **Luna Kids Dance** — Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley. Parent/Child Dance Class, Family Modern Dance Class and Open House. Meet faculty, learn more about creative dance education. Free. Details: 510-644-3629 or [www.lunakidsdance.com](http://www.lunakidsdance.com).
- **Albany High School Girls' Soccer** — Sept. 18, 2-5 p.m., Cougar Field, 1259 Brighton Ave., Albany. Clinic for girls in 2nd-8th grades. Registration 1:30-2 p.m. Bring cleats, shin-guards, warm clothes, water. Snacks provided. Cost: \$35 advance, \$40 on Sept. 18. Registration, details: Karen 510-526-2018 or <http://eteamz.active.com/AH-SCougarGirlsSoccer>.
- **Family Film Sunday Series** — "Lady and the Tramp," Sept. 18, 11 a.m., Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$5. Bring the kids for an adventure in puppy love in this animated 1955 Disney classic.

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■ **Ashkenaz at Ashkenaz** — Sept. 18, 3:30 p.m., 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Joyful Caribbean music. Admission: \$4 children, \$6 adults. Details: 510-525-5054 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com).

■ **American Red Cross** — Blood drives: Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Jazzercise Fitness Center, 10837 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Appointments: Amanda 510-965-1264. — Sept. 13, 1-7 p.m. at Berkeley Community Media, 2239 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley. Appointments: 510-848-2288 x13. — Sept. 30, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Details: 800-448-3543 or [www.BeADonate.org](http://www.BeADonate.org).

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — Hosts pet adoption events: Sept. 10, 17, 24, 12-3 p.m., Cats at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. — Sept. 17, 12-4 p.m., dogs at PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Highway, Albany. — Sept. 18, 12-4 p.m., cats at PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Highway, Albany. Details: 510-267-1915 or [www.hopalong.org](http://www.hopalong.org).

■ **Back-to-School Picnic** — Sept. 10, 12-3 p.m., Harding Park Clubhouse, Fairmount & Ashbury Avenues, El Cerrito. Free food, raffle prizes, family fun. Local sponsors include FatApples, Starbucks, All Star Donuts, Albertson's, Silver Screen Video, more. To volunteer or donate raffle items: Lisa 510-236-6046.

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Which homes  
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investment?

BY DIAN HYMER  
MAYN NEWS  
During the economic downturn  
of the early 1990s, a home in  
Crocker Highlands sold twice in two  
years. The house did not change  
appreciably during this time, nor  
the price. But, average prices in  
the neighborhood dropped about  
50 percent during the same time.  
Some homes hold their value bet-  
ter than others. It makes sense to  
pay particular attention to what you  
are buying and where if you're worried that  
the housing market is overdue for  
correction.  
What led the Crocker Highlands  
home to have that caused it to be  
so desirable than other listings?

See HYMER, Page B2

## Real Estate Spotlight:

### Historic Pan Pacific Expo jewel shines in Oakland's Leona Heights

**THIS HOME AT 5601 LEONA ST.** in Oakland is said to have been built in 1915 for the San Francisco Pan Pacific Expo as one of the pavilions, this historical and architecturally detailed home was then shipped across the Bay by barge to its present location. The home is nestled in the Oakland hills on almost one acre of nearly level land. Walk in to a grand foyer with wood floors. Enjoy entertaining in the "Great Room" with tall vaulted ceilings, a large formal living room, a big brick fireplace with large mantel, elaborate box beam ceilings and French doors leading to the enclosed sun porch. There's a huge area for dining that accommodates a grand sized table, and a separate area that works well as a den or TV room. Beautiful wainscoted wood walls offer ample space to show off art work. Three grand sized bedrooms with three baths offer a master suite in each room. One bath has beautiful cherry wood floors and a Jacuzzi tub. All baths have custom antique tiling and period detailed pedestal sinks. The kitchen has been upgraded with Oak cabinetry, a pantry and an eat in kitchen area out to your own private patio and enjoy all the space surrounding the home.

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**El Cerrito** \$799,000  
Fabulous 3 bedroom, 3 bath home. Office/den, gorgeous kitchen w/marble countertops & maple cabinets, bright & airy living room w/plank floors & crown moldings. Formal dining room w/built-ins, spacious master suite has romantic fireplace & Jacuzzi. Private backyard in serene setting.

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Nic Tang

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**Albany** \$699,000  
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Alexis Greenberg

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**Pt. Richmond** \$685,000  
Beautiful, sensitively remodeled 1904 home in the village, just blocks to shop, beach, park & schools. Large kitchen with marble island, two ovens, custom cabinets. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, office/library, gracious front hall. Built-ins thruout, hardwood floors, lots of light. Hi-tech wiring.

25 Idaho St.  
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**El Sobrante** \$649,000  
If you really like "country" be sure to see this property. Woodsy and quiet, a haven for wild turkeys, deer and other critters. A roomy house with 4 BRS., 2 BA. A lovely yard, a dog run, extra parking and more.

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**El Cerrito** \$549,900  
Well-maintained 2-bedrooms, 1-bath home with landscaped garden, spacious light-filled living room with fireplace, formal dining room with garden view, large, sunny eat-in kitchen w/upgraded stainless steel appliances, newer washer and dryer, attached one-car garage.

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**Richmond Annex** \$549,000  
Spacious, old-fashioned duplex built in 1927. Loads of potential! Used by same family since 1943. Top unit has 2+4+ bedrooms, 1 bath plus enclosed wrap-around porch. Downstairs has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living room. Not modern but well looked after. Quiet neighborhood. "As-Is."

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Beautiful bay, Mt. Tam. & Bridge views. This remodeled, immaculate townhome has hardwood floors thruout. Free-standing fireplace in living room, granite countertops in kitchen w/stainless steel appliances, decks off living room & bedroom w/views. Over 1,200 sq. ft. Two BRS., 1.5 baths.

405 Golden Gate Ave.  
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**Pinole** \$539,000  
Beautifully maintained 3 bedrooms, 2 bath home w/ 2 car garage, family room, and versatile second garage for hobbies, home office, or gym. Spacious great room, 1-bath home on a large lot. Features a charming home, professionally landscaped lot, great area of Pinole Valley.

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**Berkeley** \$525,000  
Light-filled Bungalow! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors & a beautifully landscaped yard. Upgrades include new roof & new foundation. On a quiet street in a great location, a short walk to Cafe Trieste!

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**El Cerrito** \$495,000  
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**Oakland** \$488,000  
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Price: Each unit \$639,000.

Listing agent: Patrick Leaper, Red Oak Realty, Oakland, 510-280-2110, patrick@redoakrealty.com, www.patrickleaper.com

## Learn how the capital gains tax affects home sales

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The median price of an existing home in California continues to increase. Prices have hit record highs, particularly in the Bay Area. For homeowners this can be a good news/bad news scenario, depending on when their home purchase occurred.

The good news is that the longer you've owned your home the more equity you have accrued. The bad news is that those possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars earned are subject to the capital gains tax. The capital gain would be the difference between the selling price and the initial purchase price.

Learn more about this important subject by attending "Disappearing Capital Gains" at the Gallagher & Lindsey Conference Center, 2424 Central Ave., in Alameda. The class is 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15. Two guest speakers will discuss how the capital gains tax affects homeowners.

Maggie Chow will explain how to compute capital gains and the exclusions for married couples and single individuals. Chow's associate Christian Putnam will also be on hand to handle questions. Both are former IRS agents, now with the Accounting Practice of Maggie Chow, CPA in Alameda.

"Our Home Team Advantage" sponsors the seminar. These knowledgeable professionals work as a team in order to provide informa-

tion on all aspects of the home buying process.

Real estate questions will be fielded by Gallagher & Lindsey team members Realtors Pacita Dimacali, Joe LoParo, Dave Hankel, Donnee Hankel, Mario Mariani, Wendy Mariani and Mila Nakpil.

Additionally, team members Mathew Tsang and Anh Nguyen of Wells Fargo Bank, Sherry Mar of Placer Title Company and Jeffrey Schwalm of Farmer's Insurance

Group will be available for home mortgage, title and insurance questions.

What percentage of tax is owed on capital gains? Is there a way to shrink those gains? Attendees are encouraged to bring additional questions.

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It had a good floor plan. There were four bedrooms on one level. The master bedroom had its own bathroom, and there were two additional bathrooms.

The house was an older home, built in the 1920s, but it had been extensively renovated with quality, high-end finishes. There was no deferred maintenance. It had a spacious eat-in kitchen/family room that opened directly out to a level, private and sunny backyard. It was a house that was easy to live in and it required no work.

The house was also located on one of the best streets in neighborhood. What made it such a desirable street? It was not a thoroughfare, so the traffic was minimal. It was quiet. Yet, it was within walking distance of the local school. The street was virtually level so children could ride bikes and it was easy for homeowners to get in and out of their driveways. There was plenty of street parking for guests.

This is not to say that you shouldn't buy a home unless it includes all the desirable qualities of this particular Crocker Highlands home. However, it does make sense to keep resale value in mind when you're considering a home purchase, particularly if you don't intend to stay there forever. Other attributes that tend to add to resale value are good storage space, a garage, a bathroom on each level and a convenient location. Good views tend to add value, and so does easy access in and out of the house.

One-level homes are usually in high demand, especially with older

home buyers. Two-story homes are often preferred by younger buyers. Homes that are on three or more levels tend to sell for less than a similar sized home with only one or two levels.

It can be difficult to find a home with a good floor plan, good indoor-outdoor living and the right number of bedrooms and baths that is also in top condition. If you're up for the challenge, consider buying a home that you can improve over time. But, first make sure that the basic structure is sound and the floor plan is good.

Also, get a handle on how much you'll need to invest in the property before you start negotiating with the seller. Don't pay an inflated price for a house that needs work.

Location is one of the most important indicators of value in residential real estate.

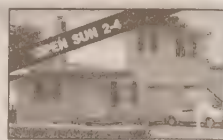
Neighborhoods with good pub-

lic schools (and the property values that schools are a proxy for) have a positive effect on the value of a home, particularly in the Bay Area. Neighborhoods with good schools are a proxy for the value of a home, particularly in the Bay Area.

THE CLOSING: Homebuyers who buy directly off the market and so does supply. Areas with a lot of supply tend to have lower prices when there is a large housing market. local property values.

Dian Hymer can be reached at 510-339-4777 or dian@danhymer.com.

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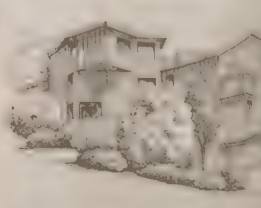
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# Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries

## FOR THE PUBLIC

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**Lake Walk**  
It's a Walk About! The 4th Annual Club Walk Around The Lake is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, at Lake Merritt in Oakland. The scenic trail is located near Childs Park. Proceeds are donated to Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The Oakland Association of

Realtors supports the Oral Lee Brown Foundation and the walk for Oral Lee's kids. The foundation provides college scholarships for high school students. This year's goal is \$55,000 or "55 for '05. The 2005 chairperson is **Shirley Covington** of Prudential California Realty. Pre-registration is encouraged. To find out more about walking or donating call 510-834-2010 or **Linda Kirsten** at 510-836-3000.

### Free Classes

**Unusual Seminar.** This is "Not Your Ordinary First Time Home Buyer Seminar". **Kathy Bell-Mathy** and **Jean Powers** of Harbor Bay Realty present the class. They promise a fun, informative session as their version of a first time homebuyer seminar. Ask about the next date or request a personal consultation via e-mail to [jean@jeanpowers.com](mailto:jean@jeanpowers.com) or by calling 510-865-3095.

**Selling.** Attend "Disappearing Capital Gains" for home sellers at the Gallagher & Lindsey Conference Center, in Alameda. The class is 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15. Make a reservation with "Your Home Team

Advantage" at GallagherAndLindsey.com or call 510-865-4192 ext. 300.

**Move-Ups.** This Berkeley workshop could be for you. "How To Buy A Home When You Already Own One" addresses making a move up purchase in this market. An explanation of bridge loans and home equity lines are given. To secure a spot in a future workshop contact Helen Walker of Thornwall Properties at 510-848-1950 ext., 250. One-on-one appointments are also offered.

### Handy Classes

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the website at [bldgeduct.org](http://bldgeduct.org).

### ROUNDTABLE

"Roundtable Discussions" is a

presentation of the Berkeley Association of Realtors Professional Development Committee. The next gathering is 12 to 1 p.m., Wednesday, September 14, at the BAR Auditorium. Topics for group discussion include Balance, Boundaries and Burnout. This is a brown bag lunch event. Members can send their reservations to [info@berkeleyaor.com](mailto:info@berkeleyaor.com).

## SAFETY WEEK

The National Association of Realtors has designated Sept. 11-17, NAR Realtor Safety Week. The purpose of the week is to foster thinking about safety among real estate practitioners and to remind them of its importance. NAR is also urging local and state Realtor organizations to hold training classes and awareness seminars on how prac-



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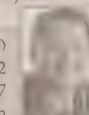
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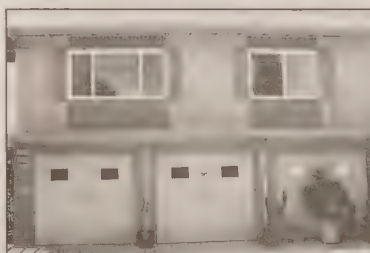
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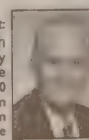
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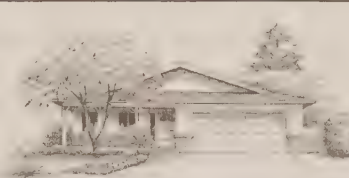
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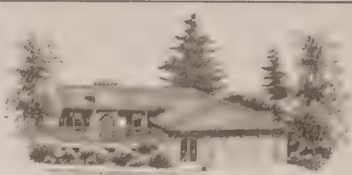


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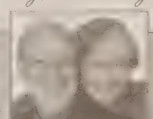
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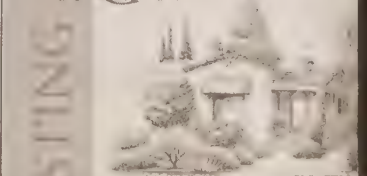


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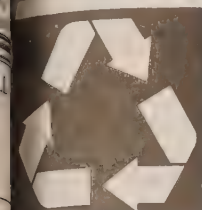
stunning details throughout. An elegant entry opens to the complete with beautiful arched windows and a grand fireplace. The spacious gourmet kitchen is every cook's dream come true. The fireplace, in the private and spacious master bedroom suite. The location, just blocks from College Avenue, transportation and shopping. 162 Beechwood, Oakland \$2,295,000



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### El Cerrito Charmer

Lovely 3BR 1BA home in the heart of ST. Jerome's neighborhood. Refinished hardwood floors, new int. & est. paint, 2 car detached garage, generous lot w/ new front landscaping. Close to Solano, restaurants, BART and EC Plaza

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### El Cerrito Pride of Ownership

**246 Carmel, Open Sun 2-4**

Random plank hardwood floors, new int. paint, serene back patio, some nice SF and Bay views, additional Florida rm, 1 car att. garage, fireplace, almost 1400 sq. ft. in St. Jerome's neighborhood.

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### Richmond View w/San Pablo Bay & Marin Views!

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### Richmond Annex

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2BR, 1BA. Gleaming hardwood flrs, remodeled kitchen w/granite countertops, remodeled bath, high dramatic ceilings, new dual pane windows, new int. & ext paint, new roof, super sharp!

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### San Pablo View Completed Remodeled

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**5147 CAMDEN STREET**

**\$629,000**

**Maxwell Park.** Unique opportunity on approximately 1/4 acre with park-like setting. Spacious three bedroom, one and a half bath with sunroom, living and dining room with maple hardwood floors. Large master bedroom, huge lower level with separate entrance and three plus bonus rooms-great for home business, artist/music studio, family room and more. Potential to build 2nd unit on this large double lot.

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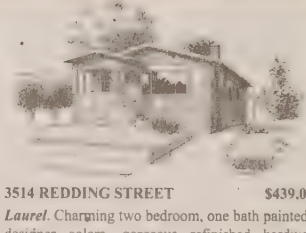


**4419 CAMDEN STREET**

**\$549,000**

**Maxwell Park.** Spacious mid-century home on quiet cul-de-sac! Three bedrooms, one and a half baths with master suite, large living room with fireplace and view, gorgeous hardwood floors, large "retro" eat-in kitchen, two-car garage, great patio and terraced gardens.

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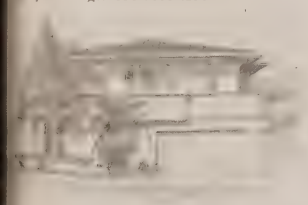


**3514 REDDING STREET**

**\$439,000**

**Laurel.** Charming two bedroom, one bath painted in designer colors, gorgeous refinished hardwood floors, living and dining rooms with built-ins, large kitchen and breakfast room with new linoleum, sunny level yard, close to great shopping.

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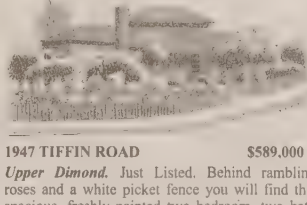


**5132 COCHRANE AVENUE**

**\$1,625,000**

**Rockridge, Upper.** Sophisticated six year old art deco masterpiece, three plus bedrooms, two and a half baths, cook's kitchen. Elegant dining room with wet bar, sweeping hill views from living room and family room, excellent floor plan, over 2500 square feet home theater system, hot tub, air conditioning.

**Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242**

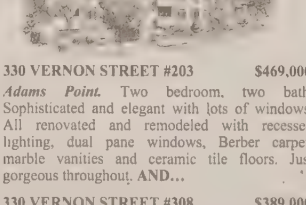


**1947 TIFFIN ROAD**

**\$589,000**

**Upper Dimond.** Just Listed. Behind rambling roses and a white picket fence you will find this spacious, freshly painted two bedroom, two bath charmer on a gorgeous, private parcel. Formal dining room, lovely living room with fireplace, random plank oak floors, attic for expansion possibilities. www.eastbay-realtor.com for photos.

**Don Dunning 531-7000 x239**



**330 VERNON STREET #203**

**\$469,000**

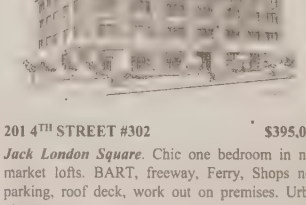
**Adams Point.** Two bedroom, two bath. Sophisticated and elegant with lots of windows. All renovated and remodeled with recessed lighting, dual pane windows, Berber carpet, marble vanities and ceramic tile floors. Just gorgeous throughout, AND...

**330 VERNON STREET #308**

**\$389,000**

**Adams Point.** Two bedroom, one bath, upgraded kitchen and bath, newer carpet, paint. Large living and dining area, many closets, good view of S.F. Bay. Near transportation and Grand Lake area.

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**201 4TH STREET #302**

**\$395,000**

**Jack London Square.** Chic one bedroom in new market lofts. BART, freeway, Ferry, Shops near parking, roof deck, work out on premises. Urban view!

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**709 PALOMA AVENUE**

**\$749,000**

**Cracker Highlands.** Welcome to this lovingly restored Colonial with Cap Cod styling. Spacious living room with fireplace, formal dining room and all three bedrooms have beautifully refinished hardwood. Elegant upgraded kitchen has soft wood floors and glorious garden window. Basement with laundry and work area has lots of extra storage. Must See!

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PRICE REDUCED up slope with survey and soil report.

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**NEW CONSTRUCTION**

**\$199,000**

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**\$198,000**

Unique opportunity, lot with design review approval from City of Oakland. Seller financing may be available.

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**Glenview.** Terrific location! Property in great condition. One-two bedroom units, four-one bedroom units.

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**EL CERRITO DUPLEX**

**\$588,888**

**El Cerrito.** Duplex plus rear non-conforming studio. Lots of charm, Front duplex may have been three bedroom, two bath home originally. Separate meters for duplex. Hardwood floors, fireplace, nice front and rear yards. New roof. Decent income.

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**551 JEAN STREET #304**

**\$305,000**

**Rose Garden.** One bedroom, one bath. Charming updated kitchen and bath. Great unit with lovely sylvan setting. Building has pool, sauna, Jacuzzi. Near all transportation, and Piedmont Avenue shops.

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## BY APPOINTMENT

**HUGE PRICE REDUCTION!**

**\$775,000**

**San Leandro-Bay O Vista.** Don't miss out! Gorgeous home. Lovely corner lot with low maintenance landscaping. Four large bedroom including master suite, family room. Bonus entertainment room with built-in BBQ grill, two fireplace and beautiful hardwood floors.

**Beth DeAtley 531-7006 x234**

**BUNGALOW**

**\$430,000**

**Fruitvale.** Cute style with updated kitchen and bath. Located near Fruitvale Avenue. Hardwood floors, split level design, basement, landscaped patio and rear yard.

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**325 KITTY HAWK, ALAMEDA**  
Completely updated 2 bed, 2 bath condo with a swimming pool and a club house. 932 original sq. ft. plus 84 sq. ft. permitted enclosure. New open kitchen design with Corian counter top, quality cabinets & brand name appliances. Luxury carpets & tile floors, plantation shutters. All bathrooms are updated. Best unit in the complex. Open Sat. & Sun. 1-4. **\$469,900**

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**1109 Rosewood Way** **\$695,000**  
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This single level three plus bedroom home with two full baths sits on an oversized, sunny corner lot in the South Shore area of Alameda. Updated kitchen and baths with granite Countertops, Pergo hardwood floors. Andersen Sliders and dual pane windows throughout. Great front and back yards. Walk to the beach or to shopping at South Shore. The exterior has been freshly painted. Termite clearance and a property inspection are available for review.

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**3009 Texas St., Oakland**

2 bedrooms + den/home office Beautifully restored updated from the new foundation and windows. Stylish kitchen remodel and refinished hardwood floors. Wonderful landscaping with paver patios, new deck, kitchen, large rear lawn. Friendly street.

**Newly listed at \$499,000**

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**OFFERED AT \$699,000**

**5463 BROADWAY**  
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This house is nearly 1300 square feet with 2BR/1BA and a large and livable sun room. The formal dining room has built-ins with stained glass fronts and the living room lives large with a cozy working fireplace. Aspiring chefs will delight in the huge eat-in kitchen. Wood floors, authentic linoleum flooring in the kitchen, a tiled bathroom, and warm colors.

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**851 COLUSA AVENUE**  
**THOUSAND OAKS, BERKELEY**

This spectacular remodel is in sparkling condition. Craftsman details remain and all the conveniences of modern life have been added: new kitchen with granite counters and slate floor that opens to a family/dining room, two new full bathrooms with stone floors, a master suite, rebuilt fireplace, refinished floors, new paint inside and out, seismic upgrades.

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**NICASIO, MARIN**

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**2701 COLLEGE AVE.**

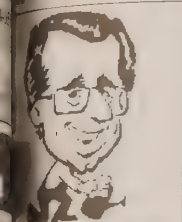
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He loves me, he loves me not: Caring for your daisies

When should I cut back my daisies? It's one of those "he loves-me-not daisies." You can't cut them back until the plant is dormant. I'd like to keep them until about 3 feet. There is no perfect time to cut daisies, as they always seem to be in bloom or have lots of buds. I trim them when the



**BUZZ BERTOLERO**  
The Dirt Gardener

Many of the flowers are spent. You will be sacrificing some of the beauty of flowers. Trim the plant with a pair of hand pruners. Cut back the herbaceous or woody stems avoiding the old stems of the plant. Plants that come back to the older light brown color stems and leaves are unattractive, as pruned stems encourage the lateral

order to keep the plant at 3 feet you'll need to prune it several times a year. Another option is to prune it at all. Instead, enjoy the flowers and when the plant grows the space you have gained for it simply remove it and replace it with a new plant. It is not that expensive and it grows quickly.

In the way, Marguerite daisy or Anemone are sometimes referred to as he-loves-me, he-loves-me-not. It gets its name from a young girl's dream of whether the flower was the love of her life. She would pick a flower and reach for it saying "he-loves-me-not" alternating between each petal. She lies with the last daisy and is not sure it is used very often. This was from more times. Recently bought a 10-gallon white and transferred it to a pot of equal size. I keep the plant and spray or mist the

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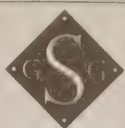
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Gay and Kay x51

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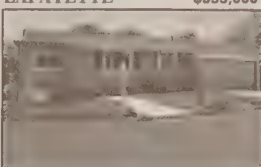


Retreat in Serene Setting

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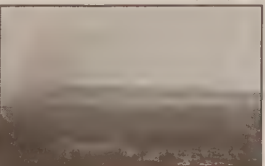


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## Buzz

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leaves twice a day. The plant is now wilting, losing its blossoms and leaves. How long will it take for the plant to recover from the transplanting shock?

A. This is not an encouraging situation. When transplanting bougainvilleas, you have to be careful not to disturb or crack the root ball. If or when their roots are dis-

turbed, the plant more than likely will die. Bougainvilleas are a drought tolerant vine so they do not like to be kept wet nor do they enjoy having their leaves misted.

They only like to be watered at the base. Right now, there isn't a lot you can do so sit back, cross my fingers and wait for some new growth to develop. You will prune off the distressed portions of the plant above the new growth. Also, make sure the location gets a minimum of six hours of sun per day.

Ideally, this should be in the afternoon. Bougainvilleas bloom poorly in low light and/or shady areas. I would reevaluate the plant in six weeks.

Buzz Bertolero is Executive Vice President of Navlet's Garden Centers and a California Certified Nursery Professional. His Web address is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com). Send questions to [dirtgardener@aol.com](mailto:dirtgardener@aol.com) or to 380 Civic Drive Ste. D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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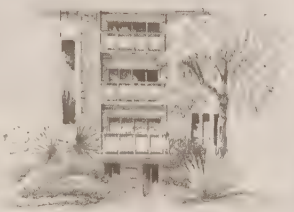
10 Moss Avenue #19, Oakland

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. This stylish, light-filled condominium is close to Piedmont Avenue shops, theatre and the Grand Lake area. Two bedrooms, one bath, balcony and covered parking.

Offered at \$349,000

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## Open Sunday 2-4:30



6171 Ruthland, Montclair

Sharp Contemporary! This stylish home is a spacious and airy serene retreat, nestled on a large parcel with views of the Bay and Hills. The combination kitchen/family room opens onto a large patio and terraced walking garden. The versatile floor plan includes four bedrooms and three baths; formal living room with fireplace and hill views; plus office/rumpus on the lower level.

Joan Duffield  
510-339-4714Offered at \$1,499,000  
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SEPT. 11 • 1-5PM9110 SKYLINE BLVD.  
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## NEW LISTING: 1344 HOWLAND ST.

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## A sampling of our current listings:

### San Pablo



Cute 3bd/1ba home - hardwood floors, new double pane windows, tiled kitchen and bath. Roof is 5 years old. White picket fence front yard and many fruit trees in backyard  
\$425,000

### San Francisco -- Mission



Beautiful 3-unit Edwardian. 2 2bd units, wonderfully updated 3bd top floor unit with views to Twin Peaks. Ideal investment or as TICs (two units vacant at COE).  
\$1,795,000

### Mill Valley



Charming 4 bd, 1 ba home in popular Sycamore Park close to schools, rec center, downtown & more. Refinished floors and new paint inside and outside facade. Use as is or bring your imagination. There's lots of potential.  
\$950,000



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San Francisco

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Open Sunday September 11th, 2:00pm-4:30pm  
Just Listed ~ 1947 Tiffin Road

Behind rambling roses and a picket fence you will find a spacious, freshly painted bedroom, two bath charming, gorgeous, private parcel. Formal dining room, lovely living fireplace, random plank attic for expansion possible.

Offered at \$589,000

Photos at [www.eastbay-realtor.com](http://www.eastbay-realtor.com).Don Dunning  
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## 1412 Derby Street Berkeley

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an Urban Oasis!!

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- Two bedrooms (one with cedar-lined closet), remodeled bath
- Environmentally conscious landscaping, fruit trees & California natives
- Spa-like sauna, outdoor shower and ipa wood deck
- Attached garage with laundry room

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Diana Yonkouski

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## Open Sunday 2-5



### 61 Schooner Hill • Offered at \$839,000 New on the Market

This spacious 2 bedroom 2.5 bath Hiller Highlands townhouse was designed to capture the stunning views of the Bay, San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge and, on a clear day, the Farallon Islands. It features a spacious master bedroom suite, guest bedroom and large loft that is perfect for a home office, den, family room or library.

**Terry Kulka**  
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A Rare Find!



### 5601 Denton Place, Oakland

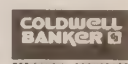
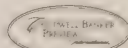
Hillcrest Estates. 2+ acres w/privacy & 3 bridge views. Gated all fenced w/ pool, spa & solar heat. Rehabed 8 years ago. 4 Bed & 3.5 Ba.

Offered at \$2,200,000

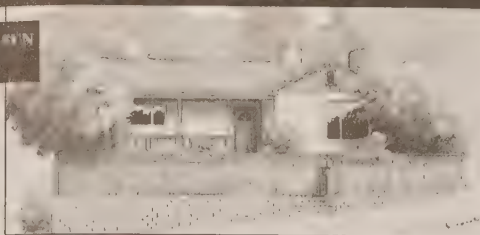
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## Just Listed



### 1832 Mountain Blvd

This charming 1940's bungalow is private and convenient to Montclair village. The living room, with fireplace and random plank oak flooring overlooks a lovely garden. Step into a sunny, remodeled, kitchen with access to the yard for easy entertaining. There are 2+ bedrooms which include a master suite and there are 2 bathrooms.

Offered at \$689,000

**Claudia Bowman**

510-339-4729



## Open Sunday, 2-4:30 Montclair

### 7001 Elverton Dr.

### Price Reduction

An awesome 4 level home offering lots of space and spectacular views. The second level features one bedroom and one Master Bedroom Suite with fireplace and balcony. Perfect for retreating. The third level is immaculately laid out with hardwood floors and bay & city lights. The bright and open living room and dining room are great for entertaining. There is a large family room and eat-in kitchen with many features that are excellent for lounging. On this level there is also a spacious bedroom, bathroom and laundry room. And finally the fourth level, there are two more bedrooms, a bonus room and bathroom. Luxury at its best!



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## OPEN HOUSES



**BERKELEY** \$1,400,000  
2156 Ward St Sun 2-4  
5 BR 4 BA Lovingly restored  
Victorian. Gabled roof, signature  
tower, bay wndws, remod kit,  
2 frplcs.  
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## OPEN HOUSES

**MONTCLAIR** \$1,050,000  
7260 Homewood Sun 2-5  
5 BR 4.5 BA Tucked into Hills.  
Striking Contemp will wow you.  
High ceilings fam rm, & offc.  
James Brown 510.339.4700

## OPEN HOUSES

**MONTCLAIR** \$689,000  
1832 Mountain Blvd Sat/Sun 2-4:30  
2 BR 2 BA Charming bungalow,  
rem kit/bath. Hrd flrs, frp, frm  
DR, lev out yard, 2C gar, near  
village  
Claudia Bowman 510.339.4700

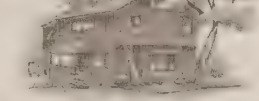
## OPEN HOUSES

**EL CERRITO** \$575,000  
6626 Cutting Blvd. Sun 2-5  
3 BR 1 BA Fresh pnt & hwd  
floors, Attached office w. full bath.  
Large sunny back yard & apple tree.  
Kimiko Terry & Sebastian Ages  
510.486.1495

## OPEN HOUSES



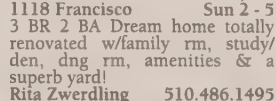
**HILLCREST ESTATES** \$2,200,000  
5601 Denton Place Sun 2-4:30  
3 BR 3.5 BA Redone, level in,  
w/ views, pool/hot tub.  
over 2 acres. Gourmet Kit open  
to fam rm.  
Judy Ackerman 510.339.4700



**BERKELEY** \$1,300,000  
1214 Walnut St Sun 2-5  
5+ BR 4 BA Beautiful, Brown  
Shingled Craftsman, Orig. Details,  
Large Charming Rooms, North  
Berkeley.  
Barbara Levy 510.486.1495



**MONTCLAIR** \$999,950  
7001 Elverton Sat/Sun 2-4:30  
4 BR 3 BA Space & views. 4  
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**BERKELEY** \$649,000  
1118 Francisco Sun 2-5  
3 BR 2 BA Dream home totally  
renovated w/family rm, study/  
den, dng rm, amenities & a  
superb yard!  
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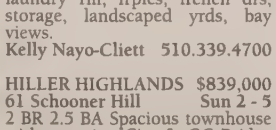
**BERKELEY** \$525,000  
2826 Prince St. Sun 1:30-4  
1 BR 1 BA Classy, spacious condo  
nr College Ave. Frml DR, EIK,  
frplc, hwd flrs, great blk. Garage.  
Diana Kay 510.486.1495



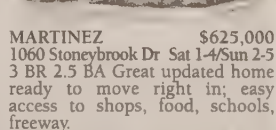
**MONTCLAIR** \$1,499,000  
1718 Rutland Rd Sun 2-4:30  
3 BR 3 BA Spacious & light,  
open/indoor living from fam  
& kit, serene setting on lrg  
lot.  
John Duffield 510.339.4700



**LEONA HEIGHTS** \$1,299,000  
5601 Leona St Sun 1-5  
4 BR 4 BA Country Pavilion  
estates. Grand size rooms, almost  
1 acre. One of a kind & special  
Donna Conroy 510.339.4700



**HERCULES** \$935,000  
1099 S. Shelter Bay Sun 2-4:30  
5 BR 3 BA Kit-fam rm combo,  
laundry rm, frplcs, french drs,  
storage, landscaped yards, bay  
views.  
Kelly Nayo-Cllett 510.339.4700



**MARTINEZ** \$625,000  
1060 Stoneybrook Dr Sat 1-4/Sun 2-5  
3 BR 2.5 BA Great updated home  
ready to move right in; easy  
access to shops, food, schools,  
freeway.  
Ellen Lancaster 510.339.4700

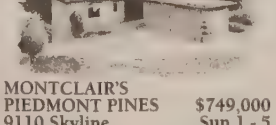
**EMERYVILLE** \$495,000  
6363 Christie #2011 Sun 2-4  
1 BR 1 BA Light, Bright Condo  
with Dramatic Downtown SF and  
Golden Gate views! Pool and  
tennis too!  
Gene Della Maggiora  
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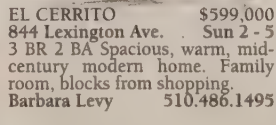
**MONTCLAIR** \$1,499,000  
1718 Rutland Rd Sun 2-4:30  
3.5 BA Revel in style in this  
chic w/ city-light views.  
Call Eckert 510.339.4700



**BERKELEY HILLS** \$1,175,000  
781 Spruce Sun 2-5  
4 BR 3 BA Totally remod mid  
century home. Bay view. Hwd,  
lrg fam rm, 2 car gar, huge deck.  
Lrg lot.  
Barbara Marienthal 510.486.1495



**MONTCLAIR'S  
PIEDMONT PINES** \$749,000  
9110 Skyline Sun 1-5  
4 BR 2 BA Located by Regional  
Parks on private dr, Fam rm, 2  
frplcs & decks look out to big  
views!  
Jeffery Neidلمان & Donna Courey  
510.339.4700



**EL CERRITO** \$599,000  
844 Lexington Ave. Sun 2-5  
3 BR 2 BA Spacious, warm,  
mid-century modern home. Family  
room, blocks from shopping.  
Barbara Levy 510.486.1495

**OAKLAND** \$450,000  
1721 Berkeley Wy. #3 Sun 2-4:30  
2 BR 2 BA Rare lrg condo w/  
stainless appliances, pergo flrs &  
designer paint. Nr Jack London  
Square.  
Gene Della Maggiora  
510.486.1495

**BERKELEY** \$409,000  
1721 Berkeley Wy. #3 Sun 2-4:30  
2 BR 1 BA Sunny condo w ref  
hwd flrs & priv deck. Freshly  
painted kit & ba. Near shops,  
trans & UCB  
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Sophisticated Art Deco Masterpiece ~ 5132 Cochrane Avenue



This six year old home has bedrooms, two and a half including spacious master suite, adjoining sitting room, sweeping hill views from living family room, cook's kitchen, custom maple cabinets, dining room and breakfast room, fireplaces, decks, hot tub, heating and air conditioning, theater system.

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## Open Homes



OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
OAKLAND \$1,295,000  
5110 CROCKETT PLACE

Custom built on quiet cul-de-sac with stunning SE/Golden Gate Bay Views, 2 mastersuites, family room, gourmet kitchen, plus separate two-room suite. See photos at: [MaryJaneMcConville.com](http://MaryJaneMcConville.com) 339.8400-339.4280

OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
IVY HILL \$859,000  
2700 8TH AVENUE

Medit. fourplex. Spacious units with lots of charm. Lush garden with deck in rear. Fml, dining, hwd flrs, laundry rms in each unit, has 4 attached garages. Michael Harding 339.4000-899.6307

OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$799,000  
3081 GUIDO STREET

1st time on market in 50 years! Light-filled mid-century 3/2 with great expansion potential. Hill and Mormon Temple views. Quite special! Earle Shenk 339.8400-220.6407

OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
OAKLAND \$739,000  
3660 CALAFIA AVENUE

Traditional home in Oak Knoll neighborhood. 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. Office/Au Pair with separate entry. HWF's, newer appliances, large yard with patio & play area. Ken Nwokedi 339.4000-485.5110



OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
GOLF LINKS \$688,000  
78 ELYSIAN FIELDS DRIVE

Gorgeous California Contemporary with hardwood floors, formal living room, spacious kitchen, family room and in move in condition. Yard perfect for BBQ & play! Nahid Nassiri 339.8400-339.4550

OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
GLENVIEW \$659,000  
4042 CANON AVENUE

Classic 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in Glenview in park like setting, sunny rooms, updated kitchen, bath, garage, private yard, walk to schools, park and shops. Arnold Mueller 339.4000



OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
OAKMORE AREA \$649,000  
4054 FOREST HILL ROAD

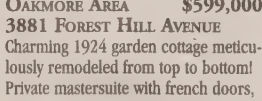
New listing! Oakmore area. Delightful cottage with deep lot filled with fruit trees. Updated kitchen and bath plus in-law with sep. entrance. Rosie Nysaether 339.8400-339.4567

OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
OAKLAND \$610,000  
1405 9TH STREET

Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths and 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath updated. Fresh paint inside and out, huge loft in its best condition. A.D. Nassiri 339.4000-459.5350

OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
OAKMORE AREA \$599,000  
3881 FOREST HILL AVENUE

Charming 1924 garden cottage meticulously remodeled from top to bottom! Private mastersuite with french doors, walk to shopping & park. See photos at: [PatriciaBennett.com](http://PatriciaBennett.com) 339.8400-482.9000



OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
LAUREL (UPPER) \$599,000  
5134 DAISY STREET

Spotless, updated mid-century home with great lift, new kitchen & bath and gleaming hardwood floors. See photos at: [PatriciaBennett.com](http://PatriciaBennett.com) 339.8400-482.9000

OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
HAYWARD \$469,000  
22182 MONTGOMERY STREET

The cutest house in Cherryland is a charming 20's bungalow updated with modern appeal. New kitchen & bath, great yard. Photo tour at: [PatriciaBennett.com](http://PatriciaBennett.com) 339.8400-482.9000

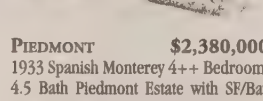


OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
GLENVIEW \$429,000  
3496 WOODRUFF

Starter bungalow in Glenview needs work, 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Jennie Lippincott 339.8400-384.3557

OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
PIEDMONT \$2,380,000  
1933 SPANISH MONTEREY 4++ Bedroom,

4.5 Bath Piedmont Estate with SE/Bay Views, private drive and 33,000+ square foot lot. Gorgeous grounds & pool Nahid Nassiri 339.8400-339.4550

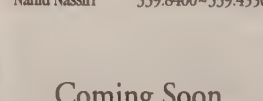


OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
MONTCLAIR \$675,000  
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths Updated California

Contemporary with Partial SE/Bay Views. Hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, walls of windows, and great open floor plan. Nahid Nassiri 339.8400-339.4550

OPEN SUN 2-4:30P.M.  
HAYWARD \$1,499,950  
Gorgeous Tri-Level contemporary on

over 1/2 acre! HWF's, high-end appliances, excellent floor plan, decks with valley views on every level! Ken Nwokedi 485.5110-899.6333



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OAKLAND \$890,000  
2403-2411 IVY DRIVE  
Rare opportunity, great location. Close to major freeway transportation. Ideal for people who work in San Francisco. A.D. Nassiri 510.339.4000

OAKLAND \$755,000  
546 30TH STREET  
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2545-2555 BROADWAY  
spaces for lease. 2555 Broadway sq ft, \$3480/month. 2545 Broadway sq ft, \$8000/month. Zoning Excellent Broadway auto row use. Ken Nwokedi 510.899.6333

OAKLAND \$2,700,000  
2533 BROADWAY STREET  
Excellent Broadway auto row location! High walkability, traffic. Retail space available. Not for automotive use. roof, electrical and plumbing. Ken Nwokedi 510.899.6333

BERKELEY \$2,380,000  
2380 TELEGRAPH AVENUE  
Retail space for sublease. location in the heart of the retail shopping district. 2,380 sq ft. Plenty of walk-by traffic. Ken Nwokedi 510.899.6333

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This week's Open Home Guide can start on page B20.

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Sept. 11th  
2-4:30 pm

**848 Stannage #7 • \$349,000**

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Of sea and sky...it's quite serene  
A garden where perhaps you'll dream  
And perfect space for artists too!*

**3BD, 1.5BA Listed at \$615,000**

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**Romantic Rendezvous in Berkeley**

**1109 Spruce Street**  
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**Natalie Cuttler**  
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**FEATURED HOMES**

**PIEDMONT**

**Sunday 1-5**  
15 Highland, Piedmont, 4BR/3BA Medit w/ hardwood flrs, Lg LR, Fmrl D/R, FR off

**Glass/Sheila Sabine (510) 428-0900**

**OAKLAND**

**Sunday 1-4**  
327-329 62nd St., Oakland, Rockridge. Elegant duplex-3BR/1BA & 2BR/1BA FP, Hwds.

**Roy Grigsby (510) 845-0211**

**OAKLAND**

**Sunday 2-5**  
6130 Colby, Oakland, 3 BR 2 BA Craftsman w/ master sta. Near BART, College Ave.

**Vickie & Aleso (510) 428-0900**

**BERKELEY**

**Sunday 2-4:30**  
3134 Mabel, Berkeley, Ultra Charming Bungalow with 2+BR and great backyard.

**Barbara Reynolds (510) 868-1487**

**OAKLAND**

**Sunday 2-4:30**  
5890 Vallejo, Oakland, Cottage-Custom modern interior. Emeryville border

**Wendy Kashiwa (510) 868-1400**

**OAKLAND**

**Sunday 2-5**  
455 Crescent #310, 1BR/1BA Complete Remodel near Lake Merritt.

**Desiray R. McFall (510) 337-8670**

**BERKELEY/ALBANY**

**Sunday 2-4:30**  
7112 Marlborough Terrace, Berkeley, Distinctive 3BR/3.5BA Custom Mediterranean.

**Heidi Marchessotti (510) 339-9290**

**BERKELEY/ALBANY**

**Sunday 2-4:30**  
956 Arlington, Berkeley, Elegant 4BR/2+BA w/ potential in-law. Library, sunrm, Lg. rms.

**Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine (510) 428-0900**

**BERKELEY/ALBANY**

**Sunday 2-5**  
1403 Arch, Berkeley, 3BR/2BA House w/legal 2nd unit, 1 bd tba, private lane.

**Candice Economider (510) 868-1481**

**BERKELEY/ALBANY**

**Sunday 2-5**  
913 Evelyn Ave., Albany Beautiful Med. Close to Solano Ave. MBR Suite, 2BR/2BA, Lg. yard, Fam. Rm.

**Kathleen Crandall (510) 684-5289**

**BERKELEY/ALBANY**

**Sunday 2-4:30**  
1312 Poe, Berkeley @ Bonar, 2BR/1BA. Secluded cottage with lovely garden.

**Warwick (510) 868-1400**

**BERKELEY/ALBANY**

**Sunday 2-4**  
2339 10th St., Berkeley, Garden Paradise. 2BR. Detached condo a beauty!

**Terry Jue (510) 868-1471**

**BERKELEY/ALBANY**

**Sunday 2-4**  
2550 40 Dana, Berkeley, Senior Condo - Parking, views! Remodeled!

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**Arthur White (510) 868-1400**

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Sunday 1-4**  
42 Prentiss Pl., San Ramon, Paradise Living. 4BR/2BA. Kitchen opens to lawn w/pool.

**Kathy Dittmer (510) 428-0900**

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Sunday 1-5**  
6125 Barrett, El Cerrito, 3BR/2BA Hwd flrs, vaulted ceiling, bay views.

**Axel Schiayer (510) 527-9800**

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Sunday 2-4:30**  
318 Vassar, Kensington, 3BR 1.5BA. Gdn studio, hwd flrs, view, charm, fireplace.

**Jackie Care (510) 834-2010**

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Sunday 1-4**  
48-29th St, Richmond Village, 2+BR/1.5BA w/view lot.

**Jaynette Bell (510) 758-5637**

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Sunday 2-4**  
216 Park Lane, Richmond, Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome in best area, new carpet, paint, pool, tennis cts.

**Carol Heath-Kim (510) 527-9800**

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Sunday 1-4**  
3641 Clayton Road, Huge Concord Condo near BART

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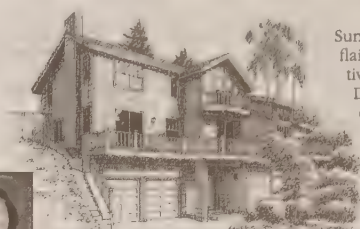
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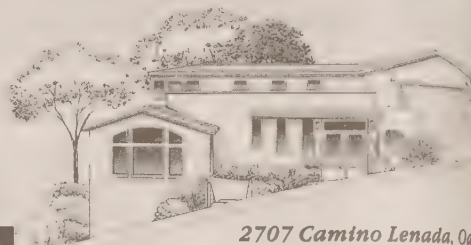
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NEW MONTECLAIR LISTING

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NEW MONTECLAIR LISTING

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This lovely chalet home built in 1994, blends the best of contemporary with old world charm. Exceptional views and privacy make this three bedroom, two and one half bath a gem!



9078 Broadway Terrace, Oakland

Offered at \$1,195,000

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NEW LISTING ~ CROCKER HIGHLANDS

OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2-4:30PM



911 Larkspur Road, Oakland ~ Offered at \$1,495,000

Fabulous traditional on prime Crocker Highlands cul-de-sac. Serene, park-like setting at the end of a street lined with gorgeous homes. Elegant details throughout - hardwood floors, traditional wood windows, and center staircase. This elegant and spacious home will meet all your needs. Stroll to Lakeshore Avenue using adjacent footpath. 4++ Bedrooms, 4 Baths.



David Ichikawa

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NEW LISTING IN PIEDMONT

OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2-4:30PM

Reminiscent of the grand Mediterranean Villas, this 1920's architectural gem is set on beautifully landscaped grounds and flower bedecked terraces in prime Central Piedmont Location. The property boasts three large bedroom suites, three full baths, grand formal rooms that open to lovely verandas, gorgeous original details, and a wonderful kitchen. A show piece that must be experienced!



230 Highland Avenue, Piedmont

Offered at \$1,549,000

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## NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2-4:30PM



**6115 Merriewood Drive, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$749,000**



**Teri Carlise**  
510.338.1305

Sun drenched romantic cottage tastefully updated with new kitchen and solarium. The ultimate Montclair setting with level lawns, mature gardens, brick patios, deck and extensive hill and bay views. Plans by Jarvis Architects to transform this 2 bedroom, 1 bath into a 3 bedroom, 2 bath.

## NEW RIDGEMONT LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2-4:30PM



**6280 Viewcrest Drive, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$925,000**



**Robyn Mohr**  
510.338.1310

A great combination including a large level yard, outstanding outdoor living and an excellent floor plan offers the discriminating buyer an opportunity for both easy living and entertaining. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths (including first floor bedroom and bath perfect for home office or den). Master suite with deck overlooking the garden and south bay views. Spacious family room with fireplace and access to exceptional yard. Huge bonus room. 3-car garage. Community pool.

## NEW PIEDMONT LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2-4:30PM



**561 Blair Avenue, Piedmont**  
**\$1,985,000**



**Ashley O'Neill**  
510.338.1368

Stunning Monterey Colonial Traditional with 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Grand living room with French doors to level patio and secluded back yard. Formal dining room, kitchen with family room. Lower level has rumpus room, guest suite, attached garage, plus a large workshop/storage room.

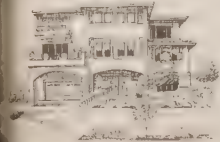
## COMING SOON IN TEMESCAL



**Offered at \$575,000**

With a lacy front landscape for lovers of lavender and a delightful rear garden for parties and play, this updated 2 bedroom 1919 bungalow offers fine craftsman details and a light-filled kitchen/family room on a warm and friendly street in trendy Temescal.

## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



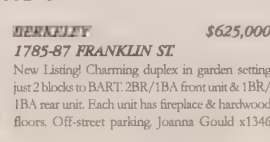
**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,995,000**  
**5952 BUENA VISTA AVE.**  
Gorgeous 5BR/4BA custom home built in 1998 & updated in 2005. Gracious formal rooms, dramatic master suite, gourmet kitchen. Deck, garden, views. Dee Knowland x1318



**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,495,000**  
**911 LARKSPUR RD.**  
New Listing! Fabulous & spacious 4+BR/4BA traditional on prime cul-de-sac. Serene, park-like setting at the end of street lined with gorgeous homes. Elegant details. David Ichikawa x1331



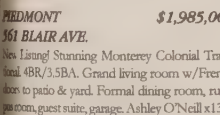
**MONTCLAIR \$899,000**  
**1865 MANZANITA DR.**  
New Listing! Sexy & sophisticated multi-level home w/bay views. 4BR/2.5BA, vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen, terraced flat grass areas, decks, fruit trees. Michelle Vasey x1359 & Dick Cohen x1308



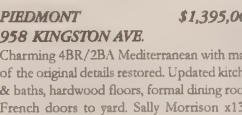
**BERKELEY \$625,000**  
**1785-87 FRANKLIN ST.**  
New Listing! Charming duplex in garden setting just 2 blocks to BART. 2BR/1BA front unit & 1BR/1BA rear unit. Each unit has fireplace & hardwood floors. Off-street parking. Joanna Gould x1346



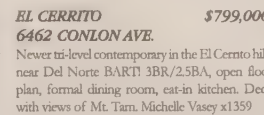
**NORTH OAKLAND \$499,000**  
**844 55th ST.**  
New Listing! Simply beautiful & lovingly restored bungalow with extra spaces & detached garage/workshop. Convenient to both Rockridge & Emeryville shopping. Tom Nemeth 510-652-6537



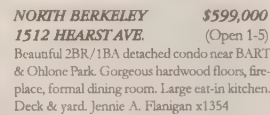
**PIEDMONT \$1,985,000**  
**561 BLAIR AVE.**  
New Listing! Stunning Monterey Colonial Traditional 4BR/3.5BA. Grand living room w/French doors to patio & yard. Formal dining room, rumpus room, guest suite, garage. Ashley O'Neill x1368



**PIEDMONT \$1,395,000**  
**958 KINGSTON AVE.**  
Charming 4BR/2BA Mediterranean with many of the original details restored. Updated kitchen & baths, hardwood floors, formal dining room. French doors to yard. Sally Morrison x1313



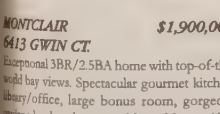
**EL CERRITO \$799,000**  
**6462 CONLON AVE.**  
Never tri-level contemporary in the El Cerrito hills near Del Norte BART! 3BR/2.5BA, open floor plan, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen. Deck with views of Mt. Tam. Michelle Vasey x1359



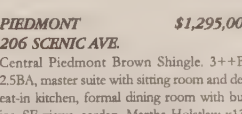
**NORTH BERKELEY \$599,000**  
**1512 HEARST AVE.**  
(Open 1-5) Beautiful 2BR/1BA detached condo near BART & Ohlone Park. Gorgeous hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room. Large eat-in kitchen. Deck & yard. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



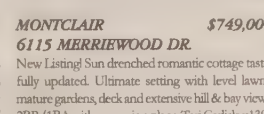
**ROCKRIDGE \$499,000**  
**5343 BROADWAY TERR. #202**  
New Listing! Freshly renovated 2BR/2BA condo. Lots of upgrades. Fireplace in living room. Deck opens to master bedroom & living/dining area. Find unit w/easy access to garage. Martha Holdstow x1312



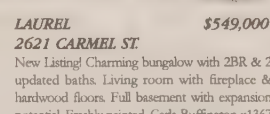
**MONTCLAIR \$1,900,000**  
**6413 GWIN CT.**  
Exceptional 3BR/2.5BA home with top-of-the-world bay views. Spectacular gourmet kitchen, library/office, large bonus room, gorgeous gardens, level yard, terraces. Nancy Moore x1302



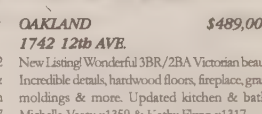
**MONTCLAIR \$1,300,000**  
**6833 ELVERTON DRIVE**  
Sleek and sophisticated 3BR/3.5BA home. Decks on three levels, South Bay and valley views. Lovely master suite. Custom touches throughout the home. Dee Knowland x1318



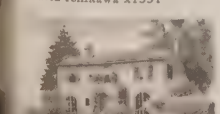
**MONTCLAIR \$799,000**  
**1980 DRAKE DR.**  
Custom split level home w/marvelous style & dazzling bay views. Great indoor/outdoor living. Stunning cook's kitchen overlooks the garden & entry. 3BR/2BA. Nancy Moore x1302



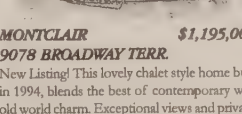
**LAUREL \$549,000**  
**2621 CARMEL ST.**  
New Listing! Charming bungalow with 2BR & 2 updated baths. Living room with fireplace & hardwood floors. Full basement with expansion potential. Freshly painted. Carla Buffington x1367



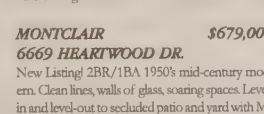
**OAKLAND \$489,000**  
**1742 12th AVE.**  
New Listing! Wonderful 3BR/2BA Victorian beauty. Incredible details, hardwood floors, fireplace, grand moldings & more. Updated kitchen & baths. Michelle Vasey x1359 & Kathy Flynn x1317



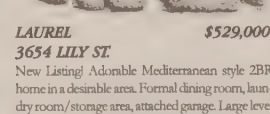
**MONTCLAIR \$1,699,000**  
**2707 CAMINO LENADA**  
New Listing! Fabulous new home on a very secluded cul-de-sac. Only two blocks from schools. Four-plus bedrooms, three baths. David Ichikawa x1331



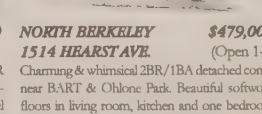
**MONTCLAIR \$1,195,000**  
**9078 BROADWAY TERR.**  
New Listing! This lovely chalet style home built in 1994, blends the best of contemporary with old world charm. Exceptional views and privacy. 3BR/2.5BA. A gem! Dee Knowland x1318



**MONTCLAIR \$679,000**  
**6669 HEARTWOOD DR.**  
New Listing! 2BR/1BA 1950's mid-century modern. Clean lines, walls of glass, soaring spaces. Level-in and level-out to secluded patio and yard with Mt. Tam and North Bay views. Joanna Hirsch x1366



**LAUREL \$529,000**  
**3654 LILY ST.**  
New Listing! Adorable Mediterranean style 2BR home in a desirable area. Formal dining room, laundry room/storage area, attached garage. Large level backyard, covered patio. Diane E. McCan x1352



**NORTH BERKELEY \$479,000**  
**1514 HEARST AVE.**  
(Open 1-5) Charming & whimsical 2BR/1BA detached condo near BART & Ohlone Park. Beautiful softwood floors in living room, kitchen and one bedroom. Wonderful outdoor spaces. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354

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**OAKLAND \$1,195,000**  
Investor opportunity! Updated 6 unit building located between Rockridge & Elmwood. Convenient to UC Berkeley, BART, College & Telegraph Ave. shopping & restaurants. Call agent for showing times. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

**NORTH OAKLAND \$649,000**  
Three units - A single family bungalow ca. 1926, w/2 car garage & workshop, plus a vintage duplex all on one lot. Two units are vacant and need, all units 1BR and in move-in condition. Condo conversion? Tom Nemeth 510-652-6537



**MONTCLAIR \$1,295,000**  
Lovely, light & bright Five bedroom, three bath home built 6 years ago & meticulously updated & maintained. Impressive views. Park-like yard. Near Montclair Village. Dee Knowland x1318

**HILLCREST ESTATES \$1,180,000**  
Six bedroom, four bath 1960 all level contemporary in original condition on 1+ acre. Large level fenced yard with lawn. 2+ car attached garage. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

**MONTCLAIR \$979,000**  
Sunny contemporary with Traditional flair. Quiet setting with captivating San Francisco and Bay views. Dramatic rooms, cathedral beamed ceiling, wonderful outdoor entertaining spaces. 4BR/3.5BA. Ten Carlisle x1305

**CLAREMONT \$750,000**  
Set on a leafy walkway just steps above The Claremont, this romantic three+++ bedroom hideaway is for lovers of exercise, seclusion, and glorious Bay vistas. Gini Erck x1339

**TEMESCAL \$575,000**  
For lavender lovers: a two-plus bedroom craftsman with period details, light-filled spaces and a delightful rear garden on a warm and friendly Temescal street. Gini Erck x1339



**BERKELEY \$250,000**  
**2550 DANA ST. #7C**  
(Open 2-4) Discover beautiful 1BR in Senior building (55+ age requirement). New carpet, fresh paint, staged! Glorious views! Bright and sunny! Leslie Easterday x1363

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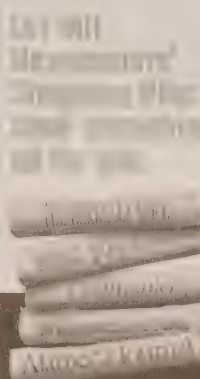
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**ALBANY - NEW!** \$849,000  
3/2 - Rare roomy home with family room, master suite, sunny deck, big yard in a wonderful neighborhood near BART, shops & restaurants.  
1612 Sonoma Avenue Open 2-5



**ALBANY** \$549,000  
4/3 - Townhouse style condo on Albany Hill. Tri-level includes garage, 3 decks and Berkeley hills view  
535 A Jackson Street Open 2-4:30



**ALBANY** \$747,900  
2/1 - Lovely cottage with hardwood floors, fireplace, updated kitchen, built-in cabinets, garden with gazebo  
1501 Visalia Avenue Open 2-4



**KENSINGTON - NEW!** \$1,130,000  
3+1/2+ - Spacious level-in Contemporary with views, over 3,000 sq. ft. Master suites, slate floors, indoor grill, spa & patio with view. More!  
42 Arlington Avenue Open 1-5



**EL CERRITO - NEW!** \$519,000  
2/2 - Large home including HUGE recreation room with 2nd fireplace & beamed ceilings. Large lot. More info at [www.bobblumberg.com](http://www.bobblumberg.com).  
648 Norvell Street Open 2-4:30



**RICHMOND VIEW - NEW!** \$499,000  
3/1 - Sunny & bright with lovely indoor/outdoor spaces and some views. Upgrades have created move-in condition. Visit [www.gotmanning.com](http://www.gotmanning.com).  
1908 Francisco Way Open 2-4:30



**RICHMOND - NEW!** \$699,000  
3/2.5 - Stunning remodeled home with hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, lovely baths, family room, exquisite backyard. Immaculate!  
80 Seabreeze Drive Open 2-5



**PINOLE** \$599,000  
3/1 - Charming home with remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, stylish colors, sweet yards, almost 1,300 square feet.  
606 Fern Avenue Open 2-4



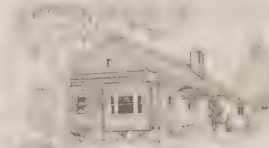
**BERKELEY - NEW!** \$599,000  
2/1 - Craftsman bungalow. Living and dining rooms with built-ins, fireplace, refinished oak floors, and large private yard.  
1374 Francisco Street Open 2-4



**BERKELEY - NEW!** \$649,000  
3/1 - Magical split-level Mediterranean near Ohlone Park, Northbrae shops & BART. Spacious living room, backyard, workshop.  
1292 Delaware Street Open 2-4



**BERKELEY** \$1,175,000  
3 HOMES/1 LOT - Detached homes, great opportunity for extended families, TIC, co-housing. All renovated in 1999. Near U.C.B. & BART  
1915 A,B,C Oregon Street Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$715,000  
3/1 - Charming Craftsman with living room, dining room, fireplace & built-ins; remodeled eat-in kitchen, deck, yard & hot tub.  
390 63rd Street Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$519,000  
2/1 - Super cute cottage close to Ashby BART and College Avenue shops. Photos and details at [www.charliecookproperties.com](http://www.charliecookproperties.com).  
720 58th Street Open 2-4:30



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$725,000  
2/1 - Sunny Craftsman in Rockridge, original details include built-ins, box-beams and stone fireplace. Refinished hardwoods & fresh paint.  
5156 Shafter Avenue Open 2-4



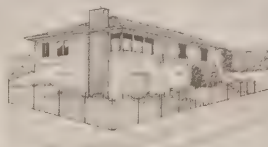
**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$649,000  
2/2 - Charming, sunny Hiller Highlands condo with fabulous view; two car parking; move-in condition. SPECIAL!  
42 Spyglass Hill Open 2-4:30



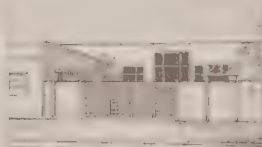
**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$658,000  
3/2.5 - Spacious, light-filled home near Montclair Village & Redwood Park. Fabulous floorplan. More at [www.izumitada.com](http://www.izumitada.com).  
6758 Banning Drive Open 2-4:30



**OAKLAND** \$399,000  
2/1 - 1920's cottage in Laurel district. Lot is over 10,000 square feet & may be subdivided. Hardwood floors, built-ins. Needs TLC.  
4779 Daisy Street Open 1:30-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$485,000  
3/3 - Fabulous. This wonderfully spacious home is an absolute must see! Includes a new master suite with a retreat spa bathroom.  
2102 E. 24th Street Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$479,000  
LOFT - Two-story with volume, space & light; stainless steel kitchen, approx. 1,200 sq.ft., private patio. Visit [www.saragarabedian.com](http://www.saragarabedian.com).  
2323 Magnolia Street #12 Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$499,000  
3/1 - Maxwell Park charmer with gleaming hardwood floors, large backyard, hill views, 2-car garage and room for expansion.  
4501 Camden Street Open 1:30-4:30

**OAKLAND** \$359,000  
LOFT - Sleek, sunwashed 830 sq. ft. 1/1+ in warehouse conversion with mezzanine & parking. Visit [www.saragarabedian.com](http://www.saragarabedian.com).  
2323 Magnolia Street #3 Open 2-4

**OAKLAND** \$499,000  
2/1.5 - Location! Charming condo just 1 block from College Avenue markets, shops and BART. 2-story townhouse feel.  
6422 Benvenue Avenue #2 Open 2-4

**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$389,000  
2/1 - Stylish, mid-century, semi-detached condo with partial bay view. Sunny open floorplan, new kitchen & bath, private patio.  
2938 Morgan Avenue Open 1-4

**EMERYVILLE - NEW!** \$429,000  
1/1 - Brand new luxury condo at Andante. End unit with City views! Near Bay Street, transportation and more.  
1121 40th Street #4308 Open 1:30-4:30

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**BERKELEY** \$750,000  
2/2 - Beautifully remodeled home. Photos and more at [www.charliecookproperties.com](http://www.charliecookproperties.com). Offers reviewed as submitted.

**BERKELEY - NEW!** \$1,150,000  
7-PLEX - Desirable 7-plex in central Berkeley location close to UC Berkeley. Four 2-bed & three 1-bed units, beautifully updated.

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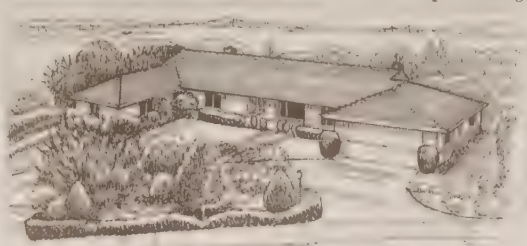
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### Classic Kensington Contemporary



#### 42 ARLINGTON AVENUE, KENSINGTON

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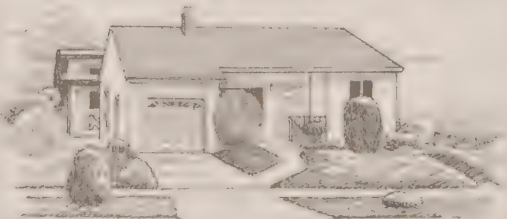
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#### 1908 FRANCISCO WAY, RICHMOND

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### Marina Bay



#### 80 SEABREEZE DRIVE, RICHMOND

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| \$369,000 2029 Otis Dr. #E 1 BA/1 BA<br>Sat/Sun 1-4<br>Alameda Realty<br>Jim Mangiapane                                  | \$698,000 1806 Everett St. Duplex+<br>Open Sun 2-4<br>Kane & Associates<br>510-882-2215<br>Agnes Wu               |
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| \$480,000 1519A Central Ave 2 BD/2 BA<br>Sun 2-4<br>Bayside Real Estate<br>Janelle Spatz                                 | \$699,000 355 Magnolia Drive 3BD/2BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.<br>Adam Betta                            |
| \$559,000 1724 Walnut St. 2BD/1BA<br>Sat & Sun 2-4 Central<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Pat Koutoulakis                       | \$699,000 42 Oak Park Drive 3BD/2.5BA<br>Open Sat & Sun 1-4<br>Smart Choice Realty<br>Percy                       |
| \$570,000 1906 High St. 2BD/1 BA<br>Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30<br>Kane & Associates<br>H. Fry/D. Cunningham                   | \$718,000 127 Orr Rd. 3BD/2.5BA<br>Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay<br>Gallagher & Lindsey<br>P. Dimacali/ L. Murillo     |
| \$575,000 1425 Bay Street 2BD/1BA<br>Sun 2-4 Central<br>Gallagher & Lindsey<br>A. Bracci/ C. Wu                          | \$719,000 311 Central Ave 3 BD/1 BA<br>Sun 2-4 West End<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Nina Quan                         |
| \$585,000 1127 Peach Street 2 BD/1 BA<br>Sat & Sun 2-4 East End<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>C. Kim/ G. Schuler               | \$729,000 1252 Hawthorne St. 3 BD/1 BA<br>Sun 2-4 Gold Coast<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>J. Friedrich/ J. Payne       |
| \$599,000 1028 Trellis Ln. 3BD/2.5BA<br>Sat & Sun 1-4 Bay Farm<br>Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes<br>John Chang                | \$740,000 314 Ironwood Dr. 3 BD/2.5 BA<br>Open Sun 2-4<br>Kane & Associates<br>Luisa Martin                       |
| \$599,000 1415 Lincoln Avenue 2BD/1BA<br>Sat/Sun 2-4 Central<br>Gallagher & Lindsey<br>J. Cerda-Zein/ M. DiVita          | \$749,000 1125 Bishop St. 4 BD/2 BA<br>Sat & Sun 1-4 East End<br>Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes<br>John Chang          |
| \$599,000 1843 8th St. 2 BD/2 BA<br>Open Sun 2-4 West End<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Jean Powers                            | \$749,000 2017 Lincoln Avenue 3BD/2 BA<br>Open Sun 2-4 Central<br>Gallagher & Lindsey<br>Tom Bennett              |
| \$600,000 318 Brush St. Duplex<br>Open Sun 2-4 Two-3bd units<br>Realty World Martino Associates<br>Carol Martino         | \$749,500 712 Taylor Ave. 4 BD/2 BA<br>Sat & Sun 2-4 West End<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>D. Alvarez-Morrón           |
| \$605,000 1807 Wood St. 2 BD/1 BA<br>Sat & Sun 2-4 Central<br>Kane & Associates<br>Lillian Silva                         | \$759,000 245 Avington Rd. 3 BD/2 BA<br>Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Elaine Millin       |
| \$610,000 214 Pacific Avenue 3+ BD/1BA<br>Open Sat & Sun 2-4<br>Kane & Associates<br>K. Nowak/W. Sanda                   | \$765,000 8 Cerruti Ct. 3 BD/2 BA<br>Sat/Sun 2-4 Marina Village<br>Gallagher & Lindsey<br>Bill & Griselda Bissett |
| \$629,000 1713 Oak Street 3+BD/1.5 BA<br>Sat/Sun 2-4 Central Alameda<br>Gallagher & Lindsey<br>Bill & Griselda Bissett   | \$775,000 125 Fundy Bay 3BD/2.5BA<br>Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Alex Mak               |
| \$630,000 2066 Encinal Ave. 2BD/2BA<br>Sat & Sun 2-4 Central<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>NinaBelle Zamora                    | \$779,000 2626 Calhoun St. 3 BD/2 BA<br>Sun 2-4 East End<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Margaret Lomba                   |
| \$639,000 2511 Eagle Avenue 2+ BD/2 BA<br>Sat/Sun 2-4 East End<br>Gallagher & Lindsey<br>Moon Tam                        | \$779,500 450 Taylor Ave. 3 BD/2 BA<br>Sun 2-4 West End<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Janet Iverson                     |
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| \$675,000 22 Rutland Ct. 2 BD/2.5 BA<br>Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Lena Sazo                  | \$839,000 1619 Taylor Ave. Duplex<br>Sat/Sun 2-4 West End<br>Gallagher & Lindsey<br>P. Dimacali/ C. Seekendorf    |

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| \$859,000 1417 St. Charles St. 4 BD/3 BA<br>Sun 2-4 Central<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Lisa Horlbeck               | \$545,000 2411 Oregon 2bd/1ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Thornwall Properties<br>Toba Schwartz                             | \$2,250,000 2887 Buena Vista<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.                   |
| \$879,000 2134 Lincoln Ave. 3 Units<br>Sat 2-4 Central<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>George Muhr                      | \$549,000 3134 Mabel 2bd/1ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Prudential<br>Agt Reynolds   | \$250,000 2508 Denair<br>Open Sun 2-4<br>Pacific Union                             |
| \$889,000 1701 Broadway 4 units<br>Sun 2-4 East End<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>J. Friedrich/ J. Payne              | \$599,000 1201 Masonic Ave. #A & # B 4BD/2BA<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30 Westbrae<br>Re/Max Executive<br>Anne Foreman          | \$4,100,000 1010 Cragmont<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.                      |
| \$898,500 633 Rock Isle 3 BD/2 BA<br>Sun 2-4 South Shore<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Denise Garvine                 | \$599,000 1374 Francisco St. 2bd/1ba<br>OpenSun. 2-4<br>Red Oak Realty<br>Gerry Ploor                                  | \$479,000 1514 Hearst<br>Open Sun 1-5<br>Pacific Union                             |
| \$949,000 1620 Dayton Ave 3 BD/2BA<br>Sun 2-4 Gold Coast<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>Karen Wellman                  | \$599,000 2748 California St. 2BD/1BA<br>Open Sun 2-5<br>Coldwell Banker<br>Kimiko Terry                               | \$599,000 1512 Hearst<br>Open Sun 1-5<br>Pacific Union                             |
| \$955,000 1835 San Antonio 4BD/2BA<br>Sun 2-4:30<br>Kane & Associates<br>Lisa Lawley                            | \$625,000 1785-87 Franklin Duplex<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union<br>Joanna Gould                                  | Concord  |
| \$995,000 2026 C San Antonio Ave. Triplex<br>Sun 2-4<br>Terry Lufkin, Broker<br>510-523-3328                    | \$625,000 2905 Ellis Street 2BD/1BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.<br>Ford/Plowright                              | \$569,000 1349 Cape Road<br>Open Sun. 12-5<br>Prudential                           |
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| \$2,380,000 26 Castlebar Pl. 4 BD/5.5 BA<br>Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle<br>Harbor Bay Realty<br>N. Quan/ E. Edwards | \$685,000 2365 Virginia Street 2+BD/1BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.<br>Tricia Swift                            | \$499,000 7510 Rockwell<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>C21 Heritage                         |
| Albany  | \$699,000 1219 Delaware St. 3BD/1.5BA<br>Open Sat & Sun 1-4<br>Help U Sell Real Estate<br>Sam Moeni                    | \$519,000 648 Norwell St.<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Red Oak Realty                    |
| \$349,000 848 Stannage Ave. #7 1bd/1ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Prudential<br>Gene Boomer                         | \$699,000 39 Del Mar Ave. 4bd/2ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4<br>Maison Nouveau<br>Annalise Demuth                                | \$549,000 324 Ashbury Ave<br>Open Sun 2-4pm<br>Marvin Gardens                      |
| \$549,000 535 A Jackson St. 4BD/3BA<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Red Oak Realty<br>Merritt Levine                     | \$728,000 1919 Virginia St. 3bd/2ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30 No. Berkeley<br>Korman & Ng                                    | \$565,000 441 Norwell St.<br>Open Sun 2-5<br>Coldwell Banker                       |
| \$549,000 953 Madison St. 2bd/1ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4<br>Coldwell Banker Bartels<br>Brett Stratton                 | \$745,000 6450 Mystic Street 2+BD/2BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.<br>Susie Schervil                            | \$575,000 1524 Richmond St.<br>Sat/Sun 1-4<br>Keller Williams                      |
| \$550,000 455 Jackson Street 2BD/2BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.<br>The Ratcliffes                      | \$789,000 851 Colusa Ave. 3bd/2ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4<br>Maison Nouveau<br>Tory Finn                                      | \$575,000 6626 Cutting Blvd<br>Open Sun 2-5<br>Coldwell Banker                     |
| \$699,000 1490 Sonoma Ave. 3bd/1ba<br>Open Sun 2-4pm<br>Marvin Gardens<br>Alexis Greenberg                      | \$825,000 632 The Alameda 3+bd/2ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4<br>Millstein & Associates<br>Gene Millstein                        | \$589,000 109 Carmel Ave.<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Security Pacific R.E.             |
| \$747,900 1501 Visalia 2bd/1ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4<br>Red Oak Realty<br>Dianne Arancibia                           | \$790,000 59-61 Panoramic Way 3BD/2BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.<br>Anne Feste                                | \$599,000 236 Ashbury Ave<br>Open Sun.1-4<br>Coldwell Banker Bartels               |
| \$815,000 913 Evelyn Ave. #A 2+BD/2BA<br>Sun 2-5 Albany/Solano Ave<br>Prudential<br>Kathleen Crandall           | \$885,000 1231 Oxford 3+bd/2+ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Thornwall Properties<br>Toba Schwartz                           | \$599,000 844 Lexington Ave<br>Open Sun 2-5<br>Coldwell Banker                     |
| \$849,000 1612 Sonoma Ave. 3bd/2ba<br>Open Sun. 2-5<br>Red Oak Realty<br>Heidi & Jerry Long                     | \$895,000 1211 Spruce Street 4BD/2BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.<br>Chris Cohn                                 | \$649,000 246 Carmel Ave<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Security Pacific R.E.              |
| \$849,000 869 Washington Ave. 3bd/2ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4<br>Jeans-Reality.com<br>Diane Deutsche                   | \$950,000 2818 Webster Street 3+BD/2BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.<br>Chris Cohn                               | \$799,000 2517 Tamapais Ave<br>Open Sun. 2-5<br>Marvin Gardens                     |
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| \$848,000 5457 Fieldbrook Ct. 5bd/3ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4<br>Prudential<br>Jull Renfro/ Amy Chen                   | \$1,175,000 1915 Oregon St. 3 Units<br>Open Sun. 2-4 (1 Lot)<br>Red Oak Realty<br>Mamoud Mokhtar                       | \$799,000 6462 Conno<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                           |
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| \$339,000 2112 McKinley #C 1BD/1BA<br>Sun 2-4:30<br>Prudential<br>Monica Forneret                               | \$1,175,000 550 Grizzly Peak Blvd 3+BD/2+BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30 No. Berkeley Hills<br>Rockridge Realty<br>Jan Fougner   | \$349,500 982/984 Balmora<br>Open Sun. 1-5 (3 sep. Homes)<br>Security Pacific R.E. |
| \$409,000 1721 Berkeley Wy. #3 2BD/1BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Coldwell Banker<br>Agent Powers                    | \$1,300,000 781 Spruce 4BD/3BA<br>Open Sun 2-5<br>Coldwell Banker<br>Barbara Marienthal                                | \$649,000 5602 Sobrante Ave<br>Open Sun. 2-4<br>Marvin Gardens                     |
| \$439,000 2317 C Carleton St. 2bd/1ba<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Thornwall Properties<br>Kathleen Curry             | \$1,300,000 1214 Walnut St. 5+BD/3BA<br>Open Sun 2-5<br>Coldwell Banker<br>Barbara Levy                                | \$735,000 4535 San Pablo Dam<br>Open Sun. 2-4:30<br>Prudential Landmark R.E.       |
| \$525,000 1201 Blake St. 2bd/1ba<br>Open Sun 1-5<br>Marvin Gardens<br>Meridee Carter                            | \$1,400,000 2156 Ward St. 5BD/4BA<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Coldwell Banker<br>Kim & Barbara Marienthal                    | Emeryville   |
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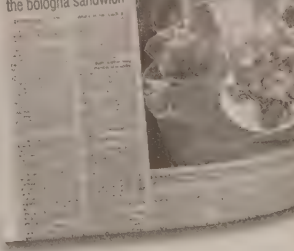
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| <b>Oakland</b> | \$485,000 2102 E. 24th St.<br>3bd/3ba<br>510-292-2028<br>Andrea Ford Roberts                   | 3bd/3ba<br>510-292-2028<br>Andrea Ford Roberts                 |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$488,000 4237 Suter St.<br>2+ BD/1BA<br>510-747-1620<br>Moon & Eric Tam                       | 2+ BD/1BA<br>510-747-1620<br>Moon & Eric Tam                   |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$488,000 858 44th St.<br>2bd/1ba<br>510-527-7000x41<br>Ruth Goldstone                         | 2bd/1ba<br>510-527-7000x41<br>Ruth Goldstone                   |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$489,000 1742 E. 12th Ave.<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-338-1359/1317<br>Pacific Union                   | 3BD/2BA<br>510-338-1359/1317<br>Pacific Union                  |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$489,000 2465 26th Ave<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-339-8900<br>Freddie Dixon                            | 3BD/2BA<br>510-339-8900<br>Freddie Dixon                       |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$490,000 2107 Rosedale Ave.<br>3+BD/1BA<br>510-748-1136/748-1107<br>Gallagher & Lindsey, Inc. | 3+BD/1BA<br>510-748-1136/748-1107<br>Gallagher & Lindsey, Inc. |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$498,000 4125 Culver Ct.<br>2bd/1ba<br>510-339-9290<br>Katie O'Shea                           | 2bd/1ba<br>510-339-9290<br>Katie O'Shea                        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$499,000 1934 22nd Avenue<br>6 BD<br>510-748-1196<br>Gallagher & Lindsey                      | 6 BD<br>510-748-1196<br>Gallagher & Lindsey                    |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$499,000 260 Caldecott #219<br>2BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Adam Betta                          | 2BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Adam Betta                          |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$499,000 3009 Texas St.<br>2+bd/1ba<br>510-982-0214<br>Bill Miller                            | 2+bd/1ba<br>510-982-0214<br>Bill Miller                        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$499,000 311 Oak St. Unit 710<br>1bd/1ba<br>510-982-0214<br>Bill Miller                       | 1bd/1ba<br>510-982-0214<br>Bill Miller                         |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$499,000 4501 Camden Wy<br>3bd/1ba<br>510-292-2013<br>Todd Andrew                             | 3bd/1ba<br>510-292-2013<br>Todd Andrew                         |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$499,000 5343 Broadway Terr. #202<br>2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1358<br>Sheila Gallagher              | 2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1358<br>Sheila Gallagher                    |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$499,000 6422 Benvenue Ave.<br>2BD/1+BA<br>510-409-9111<br>Feri Niroomand                     | 2BD/1+BA<br>510-409-9111<br>Feri Niroomand                     |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$499,000 844 55th Street<br>2+BD/1BA<br>510-652-6537<br>Tom Nemeth                            | 2+BD/1BA<br>510-652-6537<br>Tom Nemeth                         |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$499,500 3810 Laguna Ave<br>2+BD/1.5BA<br>510-451-7317 x18<br>Mike Bresso                     | 2+BD/1.5BA<br>510-451-7317 x18<br>Mike Bresso                  |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$519,000 720 58th St.<br>2bd/1ba<br>510-280-2163<br>Charlie Cook                              | 2bd/1ba<br>510-280-2163<br>Charlie Cook                        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$525,000 220 Caldecott #117<br>2BD/2BA<br>510-338-1336<br>Jack McPhail                        | 2BD/2BA<br>510-338-1336<br>Jack McPhail                        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$525,000 9617 C St.<br>4BD/3BA<br>510-486-1495<br>Laura Archegia                              | 4BD/3BA<br>510-486-1495<br>Laura Archegia                      |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$529,000 3654 Lily Street<br>2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1352<br>Diane E. McCann                       | 2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1352<br>Diane E. McCann                     |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$539,000 5114 Foothill Blvd.<br>3BD/1BA<br>510-339-8900<br>Tom Erwin                          | 3BD/1BA<br>510-339-8900<br>Tom Erwin                           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$549,000 2621 Carmel<br>2BD/2BA<br>510-338-1367<br>Carla Buffington                           | 2BD/2BA<br>510-338-1367<br>Carla Buffington                    |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$549,000 4634 Allendale Ave.<br>2BD/1BA<br>510-899-8000<br>Maria Sinclair                     | 2BD/1BA<br>510-899-8000<br>Maria Sinclair                      |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$559,000 1014 McKinley Ave.<br>3bd/2ba<br>510-595-7699<br>Dave Higgins                        | 3bd/2ba<br>510-595-7699<br>Dave Higgins                        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$559,000 2907 Moticello Avenue<br>3BD/1BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Michael Friedman                 | 3BD/1BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Michael Friedman                    |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$579,000 462 Athol Ave.<br>3BD/1BA<br>510-814-4897/814-4848<br>N. Mach/R. Liu                 | 3BD/1BA<br>510-814-4897/814-4848<br>N. Mach/R. Liu             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$585,000 3016 Revere Ave.<br>2 BD/1+BA<br>510-430-0303<br>Carolyn Mettelmann                  | 2 BD/1+BA<br>510-430-0303<br>Carolyn Mettelmann                |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$589,000 1947 Tiffin Rd<br>2BD/2BA<br>531-7000 x239<br>Don Dunning                            | 2BD/2BA<br>531-7000 x239<br>Don Dunning                        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$599,000 1751 E. 38th Street<br>2BD/1BA<br>510-339-0400<br>M. Lyons/K. Buchholz               | 2BD/1BA<br>510-339-0400<br>M. Lyons/K. Buchholz                |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$599,000 3881 Forest Hill Ave<br>2+bd/2ba<br>510-482-9000<br>PatriciaBennett.com              | 2+bd/2ba<br>510-482-9000<br>PatriciaBennett.com                |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$599,000 4130 Bayo Ct.<br>2+BD/1.5BA<br>510-338-1329<br>Jeanine Weller                        | 2+BD/1.5BA<br>510-338-1329<br>Jeanine Weller                   |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$599,000 5134 Laurel St.<br>3bd/1ba<br>510-482-9000<br>PatriciaBennett.com                    | 3bd/1ba<br>510-482-9000<br>PatriciaBennett.com                 |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$600,000 6800-6814 Outlook Ave.<br>-bd/-ba<br>510-834-2010<br>Maylinn Trinh                   | -bd/-ba<br>510-834-2010<br>Maylinn Trinh                       |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$610,000 1405 9th St.<br>8bd/3.5ba<br>510-459-6350<br>A.D. Nassiri                            | 8bd/3.5ba<br>510-459-6350<br>A.D. Nassiri                      |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$619,000 4053 Huntington St.<br>3BD/2BA<br>925-253-6248<br>Madalyn Mitchell                   | 3BD/2BA<br>925-253-6248<br>Madalyn Mitchell                    |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$625,000 492 Staten Ave #203<br>2BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Bettina Balestrieri                | 2BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Bettina Balestrieri                 |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$629,000 5147 Camden Street<br>3BD/1.5BA<br>531-7000 x228<br>Kate Phillips                    | 3BD/1.5BA<br>531-7000 x228<br>Kate Phillips                    |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$639,000 3140 Guido St.<br>2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1364<br>Cindy Houts                             | 2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1364<br>Cindy Houts                         |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$649,000 4054 Forest Hill Rd.<br>3bd/1.5ba<br>510-339-4567<br>Rosie Hysaether                 | 3bd/1.5ba<br>510-339-4567<br>Rosie Hysaether                   |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$649,000 42 Spyglass Hill<br>2bd/2ba<br>510-280-2148<br>Francine DiPalma                      | 2bd/2ba<br>510-280-2148<br>Francine DiPalma                    |

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| <b>Oakland</b> | \$658,000 6756 Banning Dr.<br>3bd/2+ba<br>510-280-2153<br>Izumi Tada              | 3bd/2+ba<br>510-280-2153<br>Izumi Tada             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$659,000 4042 Canon Ave.<br>3bd/1.5ba<br>510-339-4000<br>Arnold Mueller          | 3bd/1.5ba<br>510-339-4000<br>Arnold Mueller        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$669,000 5324 Bryant Ave.<br>2BD/1BA<br>510-899-8000<br>S. Stratton/C. Brett     | 2BD/1BA<br>510-899-8000<br>S. Stratton/C. Brett    |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$675,000 1415 Barrows Road<br>2BD/1BA<br>510-339-9290<br>Janet Flint             | 2BD/1BA<br>510-339-9290<br>Janet Flint             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$679,000 6669 Heartwood<br>2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1366<br>Joanna Hirsch              | 2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1366<br>Joanna Hirsch           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$688,000 78 Elysian Fields Dr.<br>3bd/2ba<br>510-339-4550<br>NahidNassiri.com    | 3bd/2ba<br>510-339-4550<br>NahidNassiri.com        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$689,000 1832 Mountain Blvd.<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Claudia Bowman        | 3BD/2BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Claudia Bowman          |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$689,000 71 Merriewood Circle<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-318-2802<br>Linda G. Wu          | 3BD/2BA<br>510-318-2802<br>Linda G. Wu             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$699,000 7080 Sayre Dr.<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-787-3333<br>Bruce Hoeger               | 3BD/2BA<br>510-787-3333<br>Bruce Hoeger            |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$700,000 820 Peralta St.<br>4 BD/3 BA<br>510-748-1161<br>Jim Nations             | 4 BD/3 BA<br>510-748-1161<br>Jim Nations           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$715,000 390 63rd St.<br>3bd/1ba<br>510-292-2011<br>Tim Cassidy                  | 3bd/1ba<br>510-292-2011<br>Tim Cassidy             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$719,000 4344 Anderson Street<br>3+BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Anian Pettit Tunney | 3+BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Anian Pettit Tunney    |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$725,000 250 Santa Clara Ave.<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-220-2405<br>Julianne Chan        | 3BD/2BA<br>510-220-2405<br>Julianne Chan           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$725,000 5156 Shafter Ave.<br>2bd/1ba<br>510-280-2162<br>Saraya Motley           | 2bd/1ba<br>510-280-2162<br>Saraya Motley           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$739,000 3660 Calafia<br>3BD/2.5BA<br>510-899-6333<br>Ken Nwokidi                | 3BD/2.5BA<br>510-899-6333<br>Ken Nwokidi           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$745,000 6450 Mystic Street<br>2+BD/2BA<br>510-652-2133<br>Susie Schell          | 2+BD/2BA<br>510-652-2133<br>Susie Schell           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$749,000 6115 Merriewood<br>2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1305<br>Teri Carlisle             | 2BD/1BA<br>510-338-1305<br>Teri Carlisle           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$749,000 6363 Aspinwall<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-338-1370<br>Erica Celestre             | 3BD/2BA<br>510-338-1370<br>Erica Celestre          |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$749,000 709 Paloma Avenue<br>3BD/1+BA<br>531-7000 x292<br>Carol Robbiano        | 3BD/1+BA<br>531-7000 x292<br>Carol Robbiano        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$749,000 9110 Skyline<br>4BD/2BA<br>510-339-4700<br>J. Neldeman/D. Conroy        | 4BD/2BA<br>510-339-4700<br>J. Neldeman/D. Conroy   |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$749,500 452 Hiller Drive<br>2+BD/2.5BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Susanne Paul          | 2+BD/2.5BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Susanne Paul         |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$795,000 1867 Grand View Dr.<br>2+BD/2BA<br>925-258-0090<br>Diane Reilly         | 2+BD/2BA<br>925-258-0090<br>Diane Reilly           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$799,000 1980 Drake Dr.<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-338-1302<br>Nancy Moore                | 3BD/2BA<br>510-338-1302<br>Nancy Moore             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$799,000 2747 Mountain Gate<br>3bd/2ba<br>510-339-9290<br>Janet Flint            | 3bd/2ba<br>510-339-9290<br>Janet Flint             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$799,000 3081 Guido St.<br>3bd/2ba<br>510-220-6407<br>Earle Shenk                | 3bd/2ba<br>510-220-6407<br>Earle Shenk             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$799,000 6130 Colby<br>3bd/2ba<br>510-428-0900<br>Vickie & Aleso                 | 3bd/2ba<br>510-428-0900<br>Vickie & Aleso          |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$819,000 5878 Moraga Ave<br>2+BD/2BA<br>510-339-8900<br>H. Nicholas/J. Dworzak   | 2+BD/2BA<br>510-339-8900<br>H. Nicholas/J. Dworzak |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$825,000 955-957 Scott St.<br>2bd/1ba<br>510-524-0800<br>Darrell Hoh             | 2bd/1ba<br>510-524-0800<br>Darrell Hoh             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$839,000 61 Schooner Hill<br>2BD/2.5BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Terry Kulka            | 2BD/2.5BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Terry Kulka           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$848,888 75 Starview Dr.<br>3BD/2.5BA<br>510-899-8000<br>Ron Reece               | 3BD/2.5BA<br>510-899-8000<br>Ron Reece             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$849,000 149 Malden Lane<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-339-9290<br>David Otero               | 3BD/2BA<br>510-339-9290<br>David Otero             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$850,000 1100 Underhills Rd.<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-410-4917<br>ERA Realty            | 3BD/2BA<br>510-410-4917<br>ERA Realty              |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$859,000 2700 8th Ave.<br>FOURPLEX<br>510-899-6307<br>Michael Harding            | FOURPLEX<br>510-899-6307<br>Michael Harding        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$859,850 5985 Claremont Ave.<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-849-9900<br>Heather Sittig        | 3BD/2BA<br>510-849-9900<br>Heather Sittig          |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$879,000 1916 Melvin Road<br>3BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Katherine Cooper         | 3BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Katherine Cooper        |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$925,000 6280 Viewcrest<br>4BD/3BA<br>510-338-1310<br>Robyn Mohr                 | 4BD/3BA<br>510-338-1310<br>Robyn Mohr              |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$949,000 327-329 62nd St.<br>2 UNITS<br>510-845-0211<br>Roy Grigsby              | 2 UNITS<br>510-845-0211<br>Roy Grigsby             |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$975,000 45 Starview Dr.<br>3BD/2.5BA<br>510-339-8900<br>Gayle Tantau            | 3BD/2.5BA<br>510-339-8900<br>Gayle Tantau          |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$985,000 1838 Grandview Dr.<br>3BD/2.5BA<br>510-899-8000<br>Michelle McKeown     | 3BD/2.5BA<br>510-899-8000<br>Michelle McKeown      |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$995,000 2353 Manzanita Drive<br>5BD/3BA<br>510-812-7791<br>Mathew Thomas        | 5BD/3BA<br>510-812-7791<br>Mathew Thomas           |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$995,000 3453 Robinson Dr.<br>4BD/3BA<br>510-339-9290<br>Myrtice Wong            | 4BD/3BA<br>510-339-9290<br>Myrtice Wong            |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$999,950 7001 Elverton<br>4BD/3BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Reva Tolbert                | 4BD/3BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Reva Tolbert            |
| <b>Oakland</b> | \$1,050,000 6625 Elverton Dr.<br>4BD/3BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Nancy Dickey          | 4BD/3BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Nancy Dickey            |

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|  | \$1,195,000 9078 Broadway Terrace<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union              | 3BD/2.5BA<br>Montclair<br>510-338-1313<br>Dee Knowland  |
|  | \$1,200,000 1100 Norwood<br>Open Sun 2-5 Crocker Highlands<br>Prudential CA Realty | Duplex<br>510-834-2010<br>Dolores Thoma                 |
|  | \$1,295,000 5110 Crockett Pl<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Better Homes Montclair          | 4BD/3.5BA<br>510-339-4280<br>Mary Jane McConville       |
|  | \$1,295,000 8 Dorothy Place<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.                    | 4BD/3BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Debra J. Dryden              |
|  | \$1,300,000 6833 Elverton<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                      | 3BD/3.5BA<br>510-338-1313<br>Dee Knowland               |
|  | \$1,495,000 911 Larkspur<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                       | 4+BD/4BA<br>510-338-1303<br>David Ichikawa              |
|  | \$1,499,000 6267 Ruthland Rd.<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Coldwell Banker                | 3BD/3.5BA<br>510-339-1313<br>David Eichen               |
|  | \$1,999,000 6171 Ruthland Rd.<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Coldwell Banker                | 4BD/3BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Joan Duffield                |
|  | \$1,625,000 5132 Cochrane Avenue<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Wells & Bennett Realtors    | 3BD/2.5BA<br>531-7000 x24<br>Chris Christensen          |
|  | \$1,635,000 6095 Fairlane Dr.<br>Sun 1-5<br>Gallagher & Lindsey, Inc.              | 5BD/4.5BA<br>510-338-1303<br>Debbie Dubois              |
|  | \$1,695,000 175 Villanova<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Wells & Bennett Realtors           | 3BD/3.5BA<br>531-7000 x25<br>Mary Neuberger             |
|  | \$1,699,000 2707 Camlino Lenada<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                | 4+BD/3BA<br>510-338-1313<br>David Ichikawa              |
|  | \$1,795,000 5801 Buena Vista Avenue<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.            | 4BD/3.5BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Ed Kucera                  |
|  | \$1,896,000 5747 Buena Vista Ave.<br>Sun 2-4:30<br>Prudential                      | 5+BD/3BA<br>510-339-9292<br>Heldi Marchessault          |
|  | \$1,900,000 6413 Gwin Ct.<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                      | 3+BD/2+BA<br>510-338-1303<br>Nancy Moore                |
|  | \$1,995,000 5952 Buena Vista<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                   | 5BD/4BA<br>510-338-1313<br>Dee Knowland                 |
|  | \$1,999,000 5800 Westover Dr.<br>Open Sun 1-4pm<br>Help U Sell - Action Properties | 3BD/3+BA<br>510-388-1961                                |
|  | \$2,200,000 5601 Denton Pl.<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Coldwell Banker                  | 4BD/3.5BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Judy Ackerman              |
|  | \$2,295,000 162 Beechwood Dr.<br>Sun 2:30-5<br>Prudential                          | 4BD/4BA<br>510-428-0900<br>Beth Barger                  |
|  | \$939,000 7266 Sayre Dr.<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                       | 4+BD/3BA<br>510-338-1375<br>Steven Blasatti             |
|  | Orinda   |   |
|  | \$1,790,000 20 La Cinitia<br>Open Sun 1-4<br>Coldwell Banker                       | 4BD/3.5BA<br>510-547-1615<br>Jerilyn Babinington        |
|  | Piedmont   |   |
|  | \$985,000 239 Park View Avenue<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.                 | 3BD/1.5BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Carol Brown                |
|  | \$1,295,000 206 Scenic<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                         | 3+BD/2.5BA<br>510-338-1312<br>Martha Holstlaw           |
|  | \$1,395,000 958 Kingston<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                       | 4BD/2BA<br>510-338-1313<br>Sally Morrison               |
|  | \$1,549,000 230 Highland Ave.<br>Open Sun 2-5<br>Pacific Union                     | 3+BD/3BA<br>510-338-1348/1324<br>F. Hochfelner/R. Woods |
|  | \$1,695,000 303 Hillside Avenue<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.                | 4BD/3BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Mindy Scott                  |
|  | \$1,695,000 850 Highland<br>Open Sun 1-5<br>Prudential                             | 4bd/3ba<br>510-428-0900<br>Judith Glass/Sheila Sabin    |
|  | \$1,985,000 561 Blair Ave.<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Pacific Union                     | 4BD/3.5BA<br>510-338-1368<br>Ashley O'Neill             |
|  | \$2,600,000 191 Sandringham Road<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.               | 5BD/3.5BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Helen Butty                |
|  | \$3,850,000 393 Hampton Road<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>The Grubb Co.                   | 4BD/4BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Anlian Pettit Tunney         |
|  | Pinole   |   |
|  | \$539,000 2157 Blue Jay Cir.<br>Sun 2-4:00<br>Marvin Gardens                       | 3bd/2ba<br>510-527-2700X31<br>Juliana Wymberg           |
|  | \$599,000 606 Fern Ave.<br>Open Sun, 2-4<br>Red Oak Realty                         | 3BD/1BA<br>510-280-2178<br>Grace Bishop                 |
|  | \$748,888 2725 Silverado Drive<br>Open Sun Only 1-5<br>Luz S. Mashal               | 3BD/2BA<br>510-222-1648                                 |
|  | Pittsburg  |   |
|  | \$725,000 432 Windwood Dr.<br>Open Sun 1-4<br>Prudential                           | 4bd/3ba<br>510-339-9290<br>Dollee Henson                |
|  | Point Richmond   |   |
|  | \$547,000 405 Golden Gate Ave.<br>Sun 2-4:00<br>Marvin Gardens                     | 2bd/1.5ba<br>510-231-1640<br>Jerl Jansen                |
|  | \$685,000 25 Idaho St.<br>Open Sun 2-4<br>Marvin Gardens                           | 3bd/2ba<br>510-231-1640<br>Jerl Jansen                  |
|  | \$2,200,000 401 Marine St.<br>Open Sat 1-4<br>Thornwall Properties                 | 6+bd/6.5ba<br>510-915-2024<br>Nancy Foss                |
|  | Richmond   |   |
|  | \$429,000 5920 Orchard Ave.<br>Open Sun 2-4 Richmond Annex<br>Marvin Gardens       | 2bd/1ba<br>510-527-9111<br>Joan Underwood               |
|  | \$445,000 2017 San Mateo St.<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Coldwell Banker Bartels         | 2bd/2ba<br>510-303-8245<br>Sil Adeline                  |



## ALAMEDA



**127 ORR ROAD \$718,000**  
**Harbor Bay** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 Contemporary, cheerful and sunny 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2-car garage home in Harbor Bay. Bamboo and wood floors, plantation shutters, central air and heat, dramatic 2-story living room with wood-burning fireplace. Short walk to beach and ferry. Great schools.

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**Iris Muriillo 510-748-1105**



**1019 TAYLOR AVENUE \$839,000**  
**West End** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 Queen Anne ready to sparkle. Victorian legal duplex used as single family home with separate living unit. Many architectural details. 2 units, 2 kitchens, 2 living rooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 garages, 4 bedrooms, high ceilings, tall windows, newly refinished wood floors. Many bonus rooms with room for expansion in full basement. Waiting for Victorian lover to restore its glory.

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**Camille Seckendorf 510-748-1191**



**8 CERRUTI COURT \$765,000**  
**Marina Village** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 Hurry this property won't last long! This 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home is located on a quiet cul-de-sac with easy access to public transportation and shopping. Two great features for this property are wonderful oversized master suite and hardwood floors -this is just the beginning!

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**1713 OAK STREET \$629,000**  
**Central Alameda** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 This 3+ bedroom and 1.5 bath home shows pride of ownership. This home supports a newer foundation, roof, gutters/downspouts, freshly painted throughout, new carpeting upstairs and the grounds have been freshly landscaped. It has a brick fireplace in living room. Close to transportation and Park Street. Move-in condition!

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**1415 LINCOLN AVENUE \$599,000**  
**Central Alameda** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 Must see home centrally located near shops, schools, parks & public transportation. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home features newer paint, carpeted bedrooms, wood floors in living room, pergo floors in kitchen and attached bonus space to master bedroom! The stone fireplace with surrounding built-in bookshelves is perfect for cozy nights to curl up in front of the fireplace with your favorite book.

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**Meredith DiVita 510-748-2005**



**2511 EAGLE AVENUE \$639,000**  
**East End** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 This home located at the East End of Alameda has been updated from top to bottom. Roof, foundation, carpets, plumbing, electrical, double pane windows, water heater are all new, 2+ bedroom and 2 bath home in a quiet cul-de-sac. Freshly painted interior and exterior. There is a private outdoor area for children to play, BBQ or enjoying your morning coffee.

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### Where Are All These Buyers Coming From?

In July of this year, the median price of an existing detached home in Alameda rose to \$720,000. This is up 26% from last July according to DataQuick, a La Jolla (San Diego County) real estate information firm. Yet with the Bay Area employment picture yet to rebound, you ask, "Where are all these buyers coming from?" I look no further than our local experts who conclude overwhelmingly that many are moving up locally and re-investing in the East Bay.

Pacita Dimacali is on the front lines every day and gets valuable market knowledge directly through her weekend open homes and brokers tours. "Many prospective East Bay buyers come from S.F. or other tight markets looking for value," she reflects. "They are typically in their 30's and financially savvy," she continues, "some of today's buyers have even recently sold their primary residence, realized a significant gain and are renting temporarily until the market levels."

A common theme seems to be people who've bought in the past five years and are anxious to take the equity and move up, sometimes way up. Jack Cooley has noticed that his wealthy clients invest more in real estate as opposed to the stock market.

"I assist a client of mine on his purchases of luxury properties which he fixes up and holds on to them," Jack concludes, "For some, it's not about a short term return, and Alameda is a place my client feels strongly about."



**Michael Studebaker**  
 Broker/Manager, Realtor®  
 SRES, e-PRO®, Cal Alumni®'89

Finally, Darryl and Yolanda Freeman have assisted buyers and sellers this year all with a very similar theme. "These are families who bought what they could afford five years ago with the hope of one day moving up to a better home and neighborhood." Darryl continues, "Our client bought in Hayward five years ago in the \$200k range and sold this year for almost \$600k. Now they own a \$800k property in Pleasanton so their timing really paid off for them."

### Did You Miss Our Last Career Night?

This event is open to the public and will be very informative. We are interested in meeting people that are considering a career in real estate, or those that are experienced and have not had the benefit of our great training. We offer our agents the latest technology. As a company we are dedicated to the support and training that our agents receive.

**Next Career Night @ G&L**  
**September 13th, 6pm sharp**  
**at 2424 Central Ave, Alameda**

## ALAMEDA



**1425 BAY STREET \$575,000**  
**Central Alameda** Open Sunday 2-4  
 Great price for this very cute 2 bedroom cottage on a large lot; featuring formal living & dining rooms with hardwood floors & wood burning fireplace! A bonus sunroom offers plus space for reading, hobbies, playroom or home office & the nice deck off the sun room opens to a HUGE, beautifully landscaped private back yard with decks, patio & plenty of space for entertaining. Popular school area & excellent expansion potential.

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**2017 LINCOLN AVENUE \$749,000**  
**Central Alameda** Open Sunday 2-4  
 Totally remodeled inside 3 bedroom, 2 bath home! New exterior paint, hardwood floors throughout, central heating, newly landscaped front & back yard, new plumbing and unfinished dug-out basement. New kitchen with granite countertops; appliances included. All this home needs is furniture and a family!

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**2152 BUENA VISTA AVENUE \$685,000**  
**Central Alameda** By Appointment Only  
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## ALAMEDA



**1701 CENTRAL AVENUE #A \$407,000**  
**Central Alameda** By Appointment Only  
 NEW LISTING! Single level 2 bedrooms, 2 baths corner condo in a prime location in Central Alameda. This is a must see!

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**1906 ALAMEDA AVENUE \$1,590,000**  
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 This impressive home offers you the charm of the past combined with modern upgrades. Located in Central Alameda, this Victorian is a beautifully restored Eastlake Mansion. Originally constructed in 1884, it now features 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths in the main house, plus 2 bedrooms and 1 bath in the rental unit, 4-car garage plus office space.

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**147 HERITAGE PARK DRIVE \$749,000**  
**Heritage Park** Open Sat & Sun 12-3  
 Amazing home at a great price, 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus loft off of master suite. This large home is walking distance to Blackhawk, shopping center, Movie Theater and golf courses. Just steps from the community pool and spa. Freshly painted outside and new wood and tile floors downstairs.

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## OAKLAND



**4237 SUTER STREET \$488,000**  
**Lower Laurel** Open Sat & Sun 1:30-4:30  
 Come and view this 2+ bedroom, 1 bath home with large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors, low maintenance yard and close to transportation.

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**6126 CAMDEN STREET \$520,000**  
**Millmont** CALL AGENT  
 Beautiful newly landscaped 3 bedroom, 2 bath over 1600 sq ft home near Mills College & 580. Ready to move-in with hardwood floors in most of the rooms, new linoleum in kitchen, new vinyl windows through most of the house, deck & fence about 1 year old. Sellers motivated to sell - have purchased another home.

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**Joe LaPore 510-748-1169**

## OAKLAND



**1934 22ND AVENUE**  
**East Oakland** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 Money - Money - Money! Great lot. Great price and close to everything.  
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**Ignacio Arechiga**



**6095 FAIRLANE DRIVE**  
**West Oakland** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 NEW LISTING! Sunny and bright 4.5 bath home with Bay Bridge view. Great backyard, gourmet kitchen, oak mantle, spacious deck and much more!

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**Debbie Budd 510-748-1105**



**2107 ROSEDALE AVENUE**  
**Fruitvale** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 First time open this home is located in quiet Fruitvale neighborhood, 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. See the beauty that has been lovingly maintained and attic, gorgeous hardwood floors, large yard, attached garage, and more!

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**Mary Ann Herber 510-748-1105**



**326 PERALTA STREET**  
**West Oakland** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 NEW 4 bedroom, 3 baths Victorian home, winning architect. Paul Wang's new offering features 10ft ceilings, hardwood floors, granite counters, ceramic tiles, wall-to-wall carpeting and automatic gate with 2-car garage. 10 minutes from BART to S.F. Downtown Oakland & BART.

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**1900 WESTERN DRIVE (640) \$1,000,000**  
**Floating Home** By Appointment Only  
 Breathtaking views surround this home at Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor. This spacious home has a second floor master suite with connecting plus room, master bathroom also on this floor. First floor has galley kitchen and living area with wood stove. New roof. With 25% down, cash balance. Dock fees \$667 per month.

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**1900 WESTERN DRIVE (1-300) \$1,000,000**  
**Floating Home** By Appointment Only  
 One plus bedroom home features a hull, and two levels of beautiful interior. The spacious kitchen/dining area is on the top level to take advantage of the view. Tiled sunken bath. Lots of work has been done on this home but some work remains. Great opportunity for someone to move into the gem it is meant to be. Located 4 miles from freeway and is in the historic town of Point Richmond.

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**1439 ABBE AVENUE**  
**Washington Manor** Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
 Desirable Washington Manor Bath. 1241 sq ft on extra large lot. Hardwood floors under new paint. Updated kitchen with new oak cabinets, lots of storage. Workshop, loft in garage.

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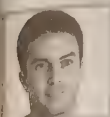
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# SPORTS

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Section C



MIKE GALE  
Recreation

## Camping has degrees of difficulty

SOMETIMES THE desire for adventure and roughing it beckons even the most urban dweller. Other times, a chance to get away from it all, making some comforts of home along is the idea that motivates others to head to the outdoors.

But whatever the degree of comfort level one is willing to abandon for the call of the wild, there's room for everyone.

OK, maybe not everyone. I recently went camping where a granite hill looked like a parking lot at the local grocery store. And here I was thinking I'm getting away from it all, when it seemed to follow me.

But digress. Back to the point, I've often been asked about what type of camping I do and what would be best for someone wanting to experience the outdoors.

It depends on how much you want to rough it. The range includes renting cabins to hiking along a backtrail and setting up camp under the stars.

Well, cabins don't really count. Although it's fun renting a cabin for a weekend, it's not really camping, even if you can step outside the door and be in the middle of a forest or a lake.

A popular form of outdoor camping is by recreational vehicle (RV).

Many campgrounds are equipped with water and electrical hookups for RVs. In some spots it's even possible to have wireless Internet connections.

Back with the area you can park the RV and see the grounds have to offer. In many campsites, reservations are sometimes required. Although RVs might be just a ticket for some people, it's quite the experience of setting a tent and bundling up around a campfire.

But there's also a big difference in camping in developed and undeveloped areas.

Basically, a developed campground includes sites with running water, usually a simple toilet, but running water is a plus. A fire ring, picnic table and some bathroom facilities that run from simple portable toilets to restrooms with running water and even sewer facilities.

Developed campsites often are situated near rivers, streams and trails. Some of these sites are a bit far off a paved road, but they make an ideal spot to park and unload.

The advantage of being near a paved road means you can load up with extras and pack the car full of your favorite foods.

An undeveloped area won't have any running water. Some sites include a fire ring, and portable toilets might be nearby. These sites can be accessible by vehicle but are often off the beaten road.

Then there's really roughing it and hiking along a backtrail into the wilderness. This will require packing in all your gear and food, so there won't be any resupply in pounds and pounds of gear you don't really need.

You might be surprised by how little you need to pack. The experience can be completely rewarding.

**THIS SEASON:** Dove Creek Campground opened Sept. 1. For full regulations of laws and restrictions, visit [www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting) or call 916-445-3406.

Also, recreational Pismo clam fishing opens in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. Log on to [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov) or call 831-649-1100 for information.

**Report recreation-related events or events, contact Mike Gale at 925-977-8590, by fax at 925-977-8150, by e-mail at [mike@times.com](mailto:mike@times.com) or by write to Box 8099, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-8099.**

## PREP FOOTBALL 2005

# St. Patrick expected to be on top of competitive BSAL

By Dave Carpenter  
STAFF WRITER

Ask the six Bay Shore Athletic League football coaches to predict who will win their league and you might get a different answer from each one.

Then again, some may avoid answering the question altogether.

This year could well be the most wide open the BSAL has been. In the five years of the league's existence, no team has repeated as league champion. Returning champ St. Patrick-St. Vincent may be the first to accomplish that.

"We'll be competitive," Bruins coach Marlon Blanton said. "We've been competitive the last couple years. I don't see that changing."

The Bruins finished either third or fourth in the BSAL in each of the four years before

### PREDICTED FINISH

- 1. St. Patrick-St. Vincent
- 2. St. Mary's
- 3. Piedmont
- 4. John Swett
- 5. Kennedy
- 6. Albany

winning the title. Though they lost a fair share of talent to graduation, including running back and linebacker Ed Blakeley and wide receiver and defensive back Carlos Castillo, they have the largest roster in the BSAL. Several sophomores played on the varsity team last year.

"They're well-coached," John Swett coach John Angell said. "They're really starting to build it. Coach Blanton is a great

coach. He gets the most out of their kids."

Angell's squad is among the least experienced in the league. The Indians lost several key players to graduation such as running back/linebacker Vincent Hernandez, who helped them go 10-2 in 2004, including a North Coast Section Class A playoff win.

St. Mary's is looking to rebound after finishing 4-7 last year. The Panthers lost star linebacker Josh Tatum, who transferred to McClymonds. However, they return explosive running back and defensive back Don RicoWashington.

Dan Shaughnessy, who built Salesian and St. Mary's into powers in past decades, is in his second year at Albany. The Cougars lost 16 players to graduation and

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# Berkeley primed to get back to the top

By Robert Jordan  
STAFF WRITER

Welcome to the season of questions in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

Among the quandaries: Can De Anza High School defend its league crown with a new coach, key losses on defense and the transfer of its leading rusher?

Is this the year Richmond snaps its 38-game losing streak under its second new coach in four seasons? How long will it take Pinole Valley's corps of young receivers to adjust to the varsity level? Can Alameda claim its second title in three seasons?

Does Hercules have enough to have its first winning season since 2002? Will the return of two faces to El Cerrito help it return to the playoffs? Can Encinal stay healthy for a whole season?

And will Berkeley's depth and defense prove to be the difference?

But the biggest question this early in the season is which teams' line, on both sides of the ball, will jell the quickest?

"Everybody has real obvious threats," Pinole Valley coach Steve Alameda said. "Everybody has talent. It is a matter of whose line on both sides can come through."

All eight teams return key players at the skills position, but each school has a slew of new linemen.

Berkeley appears to have the edge with four returning starters in Will Mitchell, Jovan Williams, Ben Gutu and Juno Perez.

### Alameda

- COACH: Kevin Hennessee, sixth season
- 2004 RECORD: 7-3, 5-2 ACCAL

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### ACCAL PREDICTED FINISH

- 1. Berkeley
- 2. Alameda
- 3. El Cerrito
- 4. Pinole Valley
- 5. De Anza
- 6. Encinal
- 7. Hercules
- 8. Richmond



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

ST. MARY'S quarterback Eric Merrida and the Panthers are looking to rebound after finishing 4-7 last season.



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF FILE 2004

EL CERRITO'S JoElbert Dennis and his teammates hope to make a return to the North Coast Section playoffs.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

To submit an item to the What's Happening calendar, e-mail [sports@times.com](mailto:sports@times.com) to request a form. Put "What's Happening" in the subject line. Nonprofit organizations only. You may be asked to submit a copy of your 1099 or 501(c)3 to verify nonprofit status. Entries are edited for content and are published as space is available.

### BASEBALL

- Oakland Oaks — Register for tryouts for fall season ages 14-18 at [eteamz.com/oaklandoaks.com](http://eteamz.com/oaklandoaks.com). Tryouts Sept. 11 11 p.m. at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. Mark Palmore, 510-867-8648 or visit.

### BASKETBALL

- Hoop Games 2005 — 3-on-3 Tournament for male and female teams Oct. 1 at Vallejo Waterfront to benefit the Hoop Games Basketball Association that assists Bay Area youth in education. Divisions 10U, 13U, 16U and 18U. 707-534-2296.
- Piedmont High School Clinic — Shooting clinic for boys and girls ages 7-18 Sept. 11 noon-3 p.m. and 3:15-6:15 p.m. at Piedmont High School gym, 800 Magnolia Ave, Piedmont. \$60. 510-433-2600 or [cpl@lclp.com](mailto:cpl@lclp.com).
- Excellence in Basketball — Fall signups for competitive boys club teams, grades 6-12, that play squads

throughout the East Bay. Scholarships offered for hardship cases. Bob 925-736-8741, [elbcoach@aol.com](mailto:elbcoach@aol.com).

### CREW

- Oakland Strokes — Open house for men's and women's crew Sept. 10 9-11 a.m. at Jack London Aquatic Center Estuary Park, 115 Embarcadero East, Oakland. Obtain fall 2005 registration and listen to varsity coaches speak with demonstration from varsity crew. Visit [www.oaklandstrokes.org](http://www.oaklandstrokes.org).

### FLAG FOOTBALL

- Hayward Flag Football — 4-on-4 tournament for players 18 and older Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tyrell Mid-

dle School, Hayward. Deadline to register is Sept. 19. \$120 per team. 510-807-0146 or [flag\\_fun@yahoo.com](mailto:flag_fun@yahoo.com).

### FUND-RAISER

- Raiders Kick-off for Kids Celebrity Golf Tournament — Join current Raiders, NFL legends and Raiderettes Sept. 20 starting at 11 a.m. at The Course at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Event to benefit the Fred Finch Youth Center at the Oakland Raiders Courage House. \$375 per golfer, \$1,300 per foursome. 510-482-2244 Ext. 202 or visit <http://fredfinch.golfreg.com>.
- Berkeley/Albany YMCA Golf

Tournament — 19th annual shotgun tournament to benefit the South Berkeley Learning Academy, Sept. 12 12:30 p.m. at Tilden Golf Course, Berkeley. \$150 per player. Amy Golog 510-486-8406, [agolsong@baymea.org](mailto:agolsong@baymea.org).

■ First annual Titan Golf Tournament — To support the Skyline High School Boys Basketball program. Four-player scramble/best ball. 1 p.m. shotgun start, Oct. 9. Lake Chabot Golf Course, 11450 Golf Links Road, Oakland CA. \$100 per player. Registration: Terrence Ransom 510-568-4401.

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## THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL GAMES

■ **Albany (2004: 3-6-1) at Richmond (0-10), 7 p.m. today**

**Notes:** The Oilers haven't won in 38 games. The Cougars haven't finished higher than fourth in league play in the last five years.

■ **Moreau Catholic (1-9 in 2004) at St. Mary's (4-7 in 2004), 1:30 p.m. Saturday**

**Notes:** The Mariners' only win last season occurred Oct. 29 against San Lorenzo (21-18). In the Panthers' scrimmage against Granada last Friday, the St. Mary's coaching staff was impressed with the execution of the

offensive line and the inside running game of the Panthers, as well as the defense, coach Bert Bertero said.

■ **Rodriguez-Fairfield (1-9 in 2004) at Berkeley (8-3 in 2004), 1:30 p.m. Saturday**

**Notes:** The Mustangs' only win was on Oct. 22 over Hogan-Vallejo (27-20). The Yellow Jackets defeated Rodriguez 36-29 in last year's opening game for both schools. Top returners for the Mustangs include QB Troy Miner, a part-time starter last year. He passed for 857 yards and nine touchdowns last season. The Yellow Jack-

ets have nine total starters returning from last season. A newcomer to watch is sophomore running back Jamal Smith.

■ **El Cerrito (5-5 in 2004) at Kennedy-Richmond (5-6 in 2004), 1:30 p.m., Saturday**

**Notes:** Last year, the Eagles scored 22 unanswered to rally past the Gauchos and win 22-20 in their season opener. The Gauchos did not reach the NCS playoffs, but the Eagles, aided by a forfeit by De Anza, did. The Eagles lost to Bishop O'Dowd in the first round of the 2A playoffs.

tem under Davey.

## El Cerrito

■ **COACH:** George Austin, fourth season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 5-5, 4-3

■ **TOP RETURNERS:** RB JoElbert Dennis, Sr.; QB Don Miguel Tutass, Jr.; WR Kaya Fitzgerald, Sr.; TE/LB Isiah Townsend, Sr.; OL/DL Pierre Mays, Jr.; OL/DL William Innyavong, Sr.; FB/DE Justin Plair, Sr.; W/DB Chris Moncrease, Jr.; OL/DL Maher Aayad, Sr.; C Chris Pangelina, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** OL/DL Cardellous Snell, Jr.; RB/DB Darnell Quinney, Sr.; W/DB Doug Murray, Sr.; RB/DB Michael Hicks, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** DL/OL Erik Howard, LB/RB Connie Mack Sowles, OG Ramon Cardona, OL/DL Charles Towers

■ **OUTLOOK:** Two former Gauchos, Joe McBride and Stewart Brown, have returned to help Austin with what he calls a scrappy bunch. The Gauchos don't have a ton of size but are loaded at the skill positions with Tutass, Townsend and Fitzgerald leading the way.

## Enchil

■ **COACH:** Jack Schram, 16th season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 3-7, 2-5

■ **TOP RETURNERS:** RB Cyrus Grant, Sr.; QB Antoine Young, Sr.; LB/RB Dane Diego, Sr.; DL Tyler Schenk, Sr.; RB/DB Donovan Brown, Sr.; RB/LB Tommy Adkins, Sr.; WR/DB Jesse Holder, Sr.; OL/DL Sam Habbegoridis, Sr.; OL/DL Quentin Bernhard, Sr.; WR/DL Michael Stuart, Jr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** OL/DL Jamie Levi, Sr.; DB/WR Terrance Richardson, Jr.; DB/WR Jeff Owens, Sr.; LB/RB Michael Reyes, Sr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** WR Mark Cheatham, WR Josh Caldwell, WR/DL Mario Hackett, OL/DL Demarion Vance, QB Brian Johnson

■ **OUTLOOK:** After winning three straight games, injuries derailed the Jets' season in week six. If Enchil stays healthy, it could be the sleeper of the league with Young returning from a wrist injury and Grant looking for another solid year out of the backfield.

## Hercules

■ **COACH:** Ron Collins, first season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 3-7, 1-6

■ **TOP RETURNERS:** QB Geo Montgomery, Jr.; WR Tyrell Evans, Jr.; DE Tim Merritt, Sr.; RB Carlos Proctor, Jr.; FB/LB Matt Voegel, Sr.; OL Kabir Bains, Sr.; OL Armand McKeller, Sr. LB Michael Grayson, Sr.; DB DeAndre Johnson, Sr.; TE/LB John Edmundson, Sr.; OL Kevin Perez, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** OL Gabriel Hampton, So.; WR Royce Spencer,

So. WR Aaron Matthews, So.; WR John Paul Simmons, Jr.; DB Christian Young, Sr.; LB Jamal Wadley, Jr.; LB Blair Brown, So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** RB Marc Olivier, WR James Allen

■ **OUTLOOK:** Collins returns to the Titans' program as head coach after a year hiatus from duties as offensive and defensive line coach. He has plenty to work with, as Montgomery, Voegel and Proctor return. But the Titans have a lot of youth on their 40-player roster, including seven sophomores.

## Pinole Valley

■ **COACH:** Steve Alameda, fourth season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 7-3, 4-3

■ **TOP RETURNERS:** QB Dylan Honaker, Jr.; RB/DB D'Aundre Butcher, Sr.; DB Deon Guillory, Sr.; OL/DL Bryan Fisher, Sr.; OL/DL Julio Ramirez

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** WR Deonte Allen, Jr.; WR Alberto Johnson, Jr.; WR Deonte Purvis, So.; WR James Hernandez, Jr.; WR Rashad Smith, Jr.; WR Alex Mason, Sr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** RB/DB Trae Gates, K Lane Yoshida, TE/DL Darrell Honaker, QB Anthony Lopez, WR/DB Brenton Thompson

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Spartans have plenty of talent at the skill positions with Honaker taking over full-time at quarterback. Butcher will start in the backfield, and four new wideouts will make up the Spartans' four-receiver set.

## Richmond

■ **COACH:** Lee Fletcher, first season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 0-10, 0-7

■ **TOP RETURNERS:** TE/LB Orlando Arnold, Sr.; QB Chris Caluya, Sr.; OL/DL Marcos Gavina, Jr.; OL/DL Leonard Evans, Sr.; TE/LB Ronnie Arnold, Jr.; OL/DL John Garcia, Sr.; RB/DB Quentin Buchanan, Sr.; WR/DB Demetrius McCoy, Jr.; WR/DB Emmanuel Wyatt, Sr.; QB/DB Marcel Harper, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** RB/FS Otis Guillegau, Jr.; FB/DE James Bell, Jr.; LB Marcos Gocobachi, Jr.; WB/CB Gerald Evans, Jr.; DE/RB Roy Blackshire, Jr.; OL Jonathan Gonzales, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** LB/RB DeAngelo Cosper, QB Jabri Richardson, OL/DL Jesus Romero, OL/DL Rigoberto Melara

■ **OUTLOOK:** Fletcher's biggest challenge is changing the mind-set of a program that is in the midst of a 38-game losing streak. Offensively, the Oilers will have a different look with Caluya moving from wide receiver to quarterback. Arnold should get more touches this year splitting time at tight end and running back.

## BSAL

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have only 26 on the roster this year.

Piedmont went 0-5 in the BSAL last year after finishing in the top two in the league every year since 2000. Shaughnessy predicted a healthier and more experienced Highlanders squad should make a run at the BSAL crown.

Kennedy turned the corner last year under first-year coach Barron Edwards and made the NCS East Bay 2A playoffs. However, the Eagles lost to rebuild after losing three players now playing in college. They have just 19 players on the varsity roster. Shaughnessy and Angell each credited Edwards for his coaching abilities and said not to count the Eagles out.

Here's a look around the league:

## Albany

■ **COACH:** Dan Shaughnessy, second season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 3-6-1, 1-4 BSAL

■ **TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:** OL Ben Sandberg, Sr.; OL Jonathan Sandberg, Sr.; DB Andrew Bender, Sr.; TE/LB Wiley Wyss, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** QB Ari Colby, Jr.; LB/OL Kyle Azi, Jr.; FB Raheem Alhark, Sr.; RB Eric Roberson, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** QB Drew Southern, LB Donnie Phelps, LB/OL Patrice Azi, RB/LB Jemayne Slaughter, WR/DB Luuk Sasse

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Cougars have a very young squad. C Ben Sandberg will anchor the offensive line. Shaughnessy also likes Jonathan Sandberg, Bender and Wyss, who should provide some experience to a roster thin on players. Colby, Wyss, Alhark and Roberson will be looked to for a lot of the offensive production. Shaughnessy is a local coaching legend because of his past successes at Salesian and St. Mary's. Albany has not finished better than fourth in the five years of the BSAL, but Shaughnessy could turn this young squad into a winning program soon.

## John Swett

■ **COACH:** John Angell, sixth season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 10-2, 4-1

■ **TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:** QB Thomas Arguello, Jr.; OL/DL Tony Alvarado, Jr.; LB Lincoln King, Jr.; TE/LB Joe Jennings, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** TE Jonathan Van Looy, Sr.; RB/DB Santarito Carson, Jr.; OL/LB Daniel Neumaier, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** RB/DB Vincent Hernandez, LB/DB Jimmy Porter, LB/DL Sammy Jimenez, OL/DL Anthony Wilson, OL/DL Trevor Cross, OL Billy Bryson

■ **OUTLOOK:** Angell describes this

team as "extremely young." The Indians were hit hard by graduation and several would-be players are academically ineligible, he said. There are only 25 players on the roster. However, Arguello is back at quarterback and Angell likes Carson to step in at running back. Angell has built the Indians into BSAL title contenders in each of the past three years. John Swett finished with the region's best defense statistically last year. If the Indians can plug in holes on the offensive and defensive lines, it could be that they are simply reloading.

## Kennedy

■ **COACH:** Barron Edwards, second season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 5-6, 2-3

■ **TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:** LB/WR Adrian Williams, Sr.; OL Anthony Herron, Sr.; DL/OL Jose Gangara, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** DL/OL Daniel Brown, So.; QB Royce Hughes, Jr.; LB/WR Aaron Tatum, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** WR/DB Mehlajah Martin, OL/DL Colin Powell, QB/DB Bryan Edwards, FB/LB Brendon Edwards, WR Ed Brown

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Eagles lost some key pieces to a team that made it to the NCS East Bay 2A playoffs last season. Martin (who caught 34 passes in 2004) is at Contra Costa College, Bryan Edwards is at Los Medanos and Brendon Edwards at Sacramento State. Before its two BSAL wins last year, Kennedy had not won a BSAL game since 2001. Edwards said he doesn't have as much to work with this season, but he has received praise for his coaching ability from some of his league counterparts.

## Piedmont

■ **COACH:** Doug Mandigo, first season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 2-7-1, 0-5

■ **TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:** QB Clark Lammers, Sr.; QB Will Conn, Jr.; WR/DB Phil Brown, Sr.; TE Justin Sherman, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** WR/DB Shane Skov, So.; RB/LB Rory Bonin, So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** RB Austin Pugh, WR Tommi Carson

■ **OUTLOOK:** After a year in which the Highlanders suffered several key injuries, they look to bounce back in a balanced BSAL. Mandigo really likes youngsters Skov and Bonin. Lammers and Conn, who were in and out of the lineup with injuries last year, are competing for the starting quarterback spot. Brown and Sherman, who were among the top three on the team in catches and receiving

yards in 2004, are expected to replace the injured Pugh and Bonin. Mandigo said Bonin would get a lot of the carries.

## St. Mary's

■ **COACH:** Bert Bertero

■ **2004 RECORD:** 4-7

■ **TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:** WR/DB Rolando Mendez, Sr.; OL/DL Justin Merida, Sr.; LB/OL Adam Safr, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** OL/DL John Bell, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** LB/OL Scott Tully, QB Deon Donnell

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Panthers, strong group of seniors in Washington, who may be the starting quarterback. Tatum transferred to Clmonds after missing games last year because of a shoulder injury. Merida is to be the starting quarterback. Bertero is still learning the league, having coached years at Academics as well. There is enough talent to compete for the BSAL crown.

## St. Patrick-St. West

■ **COACH:** Marlon Blum

■ **2004 RECORD:** 6-3

■ **TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:** OL/DL Matt Carpenter, Sr.; Ernie Lawson, Sr.; OL/DL Alex Hertz, Sr.; OL/DL Alex Hertz, Sr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** RB/LB RB/LB Clint Macalino, QB Castillo, OL/DL James O'Neil, OL/DL Kevin Supak, QB Sanders

■ **OUTLOOK:** Although they are replacing most of the defensive skill positions because of graduation, much of the offensive and defensive are back. The team has seniors, but many of them are in their last year. Junior Eric Adolphus King, junior Javon Campton are among starting running backs.

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■ **TOP RETURNERS:** RB/DL Xavier Miller, Sr.; RB/LB Jonathan Ve'e, Sr.; QB Jeff Murphy, Sr.; K Nissa Hatfield Sr.; WR/DB Derrick Chiu, Sr.; WR/DB Devin Grigg, Sr.; OL/DE Justin Marceline, Sr.; FB/LB Marcelo Medina, Sr.; OL/LB Jeff Ma, Sr.; OL/DL Nick Luque, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** OL Matt Mansfield, Jr.; OL Tamee Naybiyar, Jr.; RB Dejon Green, Jr.; TE/DE Daniel Dewitt, Jr.; FB/LB Blake Reno, Jr.; WR/CB Lawrence Robinson, Jr.; OL/DL Robert Robles, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** WR/DB Ramsey Moyer, WR/DB Alen Gebreyesus, TE/LB David Han

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Hornets return their entire backfield in Ve'e, Miller and Murphy. They haven't forgotten about being snubbed by the North Coast Section playoff committee last year.

## Berkeley

■ **COACH:** Matt Bissell, fifth season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 8-3, 6-1

■ **TOP RETURNERS:** OL/DL Will Mitchell, Sr.; QB Lucas Fogarty, Sr.; S/WR Kenneth Adams, Sr.; RB Dwayne Adams, Jr.; OL Jovan Williams, Sr.; OL Ben Gutu, Sr.; LB/FB Chris Andrews, Sr.; OL/DL Jeronimo Perez, Jr.; TE/DL Fred Sanders, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** RB/CB Jamar Smith So., OL/DL Faraji Wright So., WR/S Arsenio Singleton Sr., LB Too Samuelu Jr., LB/FB Nick Allan Sr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** RB Antione Cokes, DE/TE Eddie Young, FB/DT Julian James, OL Jack Nicolaus

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Yellow Jackets lost key components on both sides of the ball but are amped to make a run at reclaiming the outright league title they won in 2002. Fogarty returns at quarterback, with Dwayne Adams and Smith taking over at tailback.

## De Anza

■ **COACH:** Rich Davey, first season

■ **2004 RECORD:** 7-5, 6-1

■ **TOP RETURNERS:** DB DeMario Boyd, Jr.; QB/TE Harrison Rhenhard Jr.; DB/WR Dave LeGrand Sr.; DB/WR Corey Jackson Sr.; OL/DL Gustavo Panuco Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** FB Nomori Flintroy So.; WR/QB Roy Polk, Jr.; FB/DL Lewis Robinson So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** RB Dante Smith, QB/DB Alex Smith, LB/TE John Smith, LB Cole James

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Dons were dealt a blow when Dante Smith, who rushed for 883 yards last season, transferred to McClymonds. But Davey has Flintroy and Robinson ready to contribute. The good news is that De Anza will run the same offensive sys-

## Calendar

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## LACROSSE

■ **Skyline Lacrosse** — Sign-ups grades 2-8 for fall and spring seasons at [www.skylinelacrosse.com](http://www.skylinelacrosse.com).

## SOCCER

■ **Albany High School Clinic** — Youth girls clinic, grades 2-8, Sept. 18 2-5 p.m. at Cougar Field, 1259 Brighton Ave., Albany. Clinic put on by AHS players and coaching staff includes T-shirt and chance for San Jose Earthquakes tickets. \$35. Karen Moss 510-526-2018 or [karenmoss@bcglobal.net](mailto:karenmoss@bcglobal.net).

## SOFTBALL

■ **Montara Bay Adult Softball** — Signups for men's C and D fall league starting in September. Contra Costa County Public Works, 925-313-2005.

## JOBS

■ **Miramonte High School** — Accepting applications for boys head soccer and head varsity and junior varsity lacrosse coaches. Vince Del-Aquila 925-280-3930 Ext. 3451.

■ **Northgate High School** — Coaching vacancies for girls head varsity and junior varsity soccer head and two assistants for varsity track, boys head varsity tennis, and head junior varsity and freshman baseball. Bob Johnson, 925-938-0900 Ext. 3520.

■ **Albany High School** — Vacancy for girls head junior varsity soccer coach. Season begins Nov. 7. Fax resume to Debbie Wanlin, 510-528-6429.

■ **Berean Christian High School** — Coaches sought, experienced head boys varsity soccer, head boys freshman basketball, assistant basketball for winter season, head junior varsity baseball, head junior varsity softball and head varsity swimming. Craig

Lee 925-945-6464 Ext. 25, [coachlee@astound.net](mailto:coachlee@astound.net).

■ **East Bay Panthers Basketball** - 10 and 11 year old girls AAU basketball clubs seeking coaches for spring 2006 season. Dave Smith, 415-298-7851, [david.smith@eastbaypanthers.org](mailto:david.smith@eastbaypanthers.org) or visit [www.eastbaypanthers.org](http://www.eastbaypanthers.org).

■ **Pleasanton Junior Football League** - Certified athletic trainers needed to supervise youth football, ages 8-14, for Saturday games, September-October. Stipend plus meals. 925-462-5557 or [aggie167@yahoo.com](mailto:aggie167@yahoo.com).

■ **Hercules High School** — Coaching vacancy for girls varsity volleyball head. Greg Ochs 510-815-0228 or 510-245-5000.

■ **De Anza High School** — Coaching vacancies for head girls water polo, head junior varsity boys and girls volleyball, head junior varsity girls and boys soccer, head varsity and assistant junior varsity softball, head varsity baseball. Send resume to 5000 Valley View Road, Richmond, CA 94803, or fax 510-223-7984 or e-mail [DKAathletics@aol.com](mailto:DKAathletics@aol.com). Jason Kroikowski 510-223-3811, ext. 2535

■ **Kings Valley Christian School** - Coaching vacancies at Concord school for these junior high sports: girls and boys soccer and basketball and boys softball. Ed Daley, 925-567-6570, [principal@kvcs.com](mailto:principal@kvcs.com).

■ **California High School** — Coaching vacancies in the following sports: head varsity and junior varsity boys water polo, head varsity and junior varsity girls tennis. Fred Albano, 925-866-8933, [fabalano@srvud.k12.ca.us](mailto:fabalano@srvud.k12.ca.us).

■ **Cornerstone Christian High School** — Vacancies for coaching positions for upcoming school year: head/assistant boys basketball coach, assistant girls basketball coach, head/assistant baseball coach, head/assistant softball coach. Applicants must have Christian ethics. Logan Heyer, 925-754-1241 ext. 335.

■ **Liberty Union High School District** — Coaching vacancies for fall and winter sports. Heritage High School: Head coaches for varsity boys soccer, girls volleyball, girls and boys water polo, cross country, wrestling, freshman football (assistant also). Liberty High School: Head coaches for girls freshman basketball, girls varsity golf and girls freshman volleyball. Freedom High School: Head varsity girls volleyball. 925-634-2166 ext. 2200. Visit [www.libertyunhdsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.libertyunhdsd.k12.ca.us).

■ **East Bay Football Officials** — The East Bay Football Officials Association is seeking candidates for the upcoming prep football season. No experience required. Sam Moriana, 510-521-4121, Kevin Reed, 510-235-5249.

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## NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. Reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Chris Hawitt, Steven Rea and Carme Rickay, Knight Ridder; Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David German, Christy Lemire, Associated Press; Jeanette Catsoulis, Anita Gates, Dave Kehr, Laura Kern, A.O. Scott and Dana Stevens, New York Times; Jenni Bernard and Jack Matthews, New York Daily News; David Krome, Bob Strauss, Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Times; Carina Chocano, Kevin Crust, Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Ed Bark, Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Tom Marstrand, Chris Vognar, Philip Wurch, Dallas Morning News; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Jay Boyar and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Carla Meyer, Sacramento Bee; Ty Burr, Wesley Morris, Boston Globe; Steve Persall, St. Petersburg Times; Curt Fields, Ann Homaday, Stephen Perrella, Phil Kennicott, Michael O'Sullivan, Desson Thomson, Washington Post; Hanh Nguyen, Zap2it.com.

**"THE ARISTOCRATS":** A documentary about the art of telling a joke. And not just any joke, but an incredibly raunchy one that every comedian worth his or her salt knows. Among the cast are Phyllis Diller, Robin Williams, Chris Rock, Richard Lewis, and on and on. A great peek into the inner world of comedy. — M. Pols. (Not rated; but filled with obscene language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B+

**"BALZAC AND THE LITTLE CHINESE SEAMSTRESS":** Two city boys bring unheard-of talents, ranging from violin playing to literacy to the ability to read a clock, to a remote hamlet in Sichuan. For their part, the sophisticated young men just want to have fun. This manifests in two forms: the pretty, unnamed little girl (Xun Zhou), and a secret stash of forbidden Western books, which they take turns reading to the uneducated but eager-to-learn seamstress. — B. Strauss. (Not rated; contains language, sex, mild violence; in Mandarin and French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B

**"BATMAN BEGINS":** Director Christopher Nolan supplies the back

story behind not just the Batmobile, but the very psyche of the Caped Crusader. The story starts slowly and temporarily gets bogged down in psychological drive before turning into a very dark and fun action movie. Christian Bale is a natural, just weird enough to be the best Batman yet, and the strong supporting cast includes a lovely turn by Michael Caine as the trusted butler Alfred, as well as Morgan Freeman as gadget man Lucius Fox. — M. Pols. (PG-13: Intense action violence, disturbing images and some thematic elements.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. B+

**"BROKEN FLOWERS":** We meet middle-aged Don (Bill Murray) as he's being dumped by his live-in lover (Julie Delpy). On the same day, an unsigned letter informs Don that he unknowingly fathered a son 19 years earlier and that the boy may be on a quest to find his father. Don sets off on a cross-country journey to look for the four women he loved and left some 20 years before and to figure out who might have borne him a child. A beautifully acted and intelligent movie that, alas, doesn't work as well as it should. With Sharon Stone, Frances Conroy, Jessica Lange and Tilda Swinton. — M. Pols. (R: language, some graphic nudity, brief drug use.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B

**"THE BROTHERS GRIMM":** Matt Damon and Heath Ledger portray the German folklorist brothers, who (in this fictionalized scenario) make a living gulling superstitious, early-19th century German townsfolk out of their money by exorcising their bams of spirits, demons, witches and the like. The plot thins when it turns out that whatever has been abducting the children of the village is, in fact, supernatural. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG-13: spooky supernatural events, some gruesome imagery, occasional obscenity.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. C-

**"THE CAVE":** Compensates for its lack of technical skill with scare tactics that are bluntly, viciously effective. A team of scientists explores a cave that's supposed to yield ancient secrets, but really holds a hot-entire creature. Offers a few thrills and a couple of laughs. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: violence, some profanity.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C+

**"CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY":** Tim Burton's take on Roald Dahl's book is darker, stranger and way cooler than the 1971 Gene Wilder cinematic classic. Visually it's all Burton, a fairy tale come to life. Johnny Depp's Willy Wonka is like a cross between Michael Jackson and Carol Channing, which sounds terrifying, but is instead captivating. A don't-miss summer movie that should live on for decades to come. — M. Pols. (PG: quirky situations, mild language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. A-

**"THE CONSTANT GARDENER":** In this excellent adaptation of John le Carré's novel, Ralph Fiennes portrays a British diplomat, a hapless good guy who seems to be a doormat. But when his activist wife is killed in the film's first moments, the character evolves to reveal unfathomable depths. Director Fernando Meirelles makes Kenya part of his story, as he did with Rio in the Oscar-nominated "City of God." — M. Pols. (R: language, some violent images, sexual content, nudity.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. A-

**"CRASH":** In the course of 24 hours, a group of Los Angeles residents wrestles with the demons of racism. Writer/director Paul Haggis (screenwriter of "Million Dollar Baby") wants to provoke a serious discourse, a noble goal. But the movie is heavy-handed, and, despite some brilliant scenes and strong acting from a great ensemble, is riddled with mistakes, particularly coincidences that border on the absurd. Ultimately, Haggis insults his audience by assuming he has to instruct us on everything about racism, as if merely to be alive in America today weren't already a primer. Still, flaws and all, well worth seeing. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content, some language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

**"DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO":** Who is killing the great "prostitute" of Europe? Deuce Bigalow, the repellent Rob Schneider character — a male hooker so pathetic, he's only comfortable selling his wares to the disabled, the deformed and the demented — is off to the Old World to solve this mystery. Not a whole lot of imagination here, though the jokes about Europe's attitude toward America post-Iraq and

the trash-talk between gigolos is funny. — R. Moore. (R: pervasive strong, crude and sexual humor, language, nudity, drug content.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. D

**"THE DUKES OF HAZZARD":** Long-time fans of the late-'70s/early-'80s TV show will be comforted to know that the 21st century has done nothing to change that basic scenario here. Good old boy Southerners Bo (Seann William Scott) and Luke (Johnny Knoxville) are still swillin' moonshine, chasing pretty girls and trying to evade the law, while cousin Daisy (Jessica Simpson) still looks divine in short shorts. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, crude and drug-related humor, language, comic action violence.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C-

**"ELEVATOR TO THE GALLOWES":** This tasty 1957 noir thriller that introduced the world to French filmmaker Louis Malle is cooler and more heartless than the films that would later define him. But even as a preliminary exercise in suspense, the film suggests Malle could have made a name for himself as a Hitchcock copycat. — W. Morris. (Not rated; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B+

**"ETERNAL":** This film claims inspiration from the undeniably intriguing life of Erzsébet Bathory, a 16th century Hungarian countess whose anti-aging routine required frequent immersions in young female blood. This present-day retelling takes place in a ghostly mansion in Montreal. — J. Catsoulis. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. D

**"FANTASTIC FOUR":** This big-screen adaptation of the Marvel comic superhero story line is rarely terrible or memorable. Four astronauts return from space, where they were exposed to cosmic radiation, with new abilities. This film has very little of the epic gravitas or moral complexity that distinguish the best superhero movies. That would be fine if it were an overflowing boatload of fun. But it's not. — C. Vognar. (PG-13: comic book violence, suggestive content.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C0

**"THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN":** Unabashedly raunchy, yet funny enough to keep you entertained through its

## OPENING TODAY

**"COTE D'AZUR" (NR)**

Erotic tensions overrun a family on seaside holiday. In French with subtitles.

**"EL CRIMEN PERFECTO" (R)**

A man transforms the ladies' department of an upscale department store into his own fiefdom in this black comedy. In Spanish with subtitles.

**"THE EXORCISM OF EMILY ROSE" (PG-13)**

The Catholic Church recognizes a case of demonic possession in a

college freshman. With Laura Linney and Tom Wilkinson.

**"THE MAN" (PG-13)**

Eugene Levy and Samuel L. Jackson star in this odd-couple buddy comedy.

**"AN UNFINISHED LIFE" (PG-13)**

Robert Redford and Morgan Freeman star as a rancher and his hired hand whose lives are disrupted when his daughter-in-law arrives, escaping an abusive relationship.

feel-good finish. Steve Carell (from TV's "The Office") plays Andy, a middle-aged man who, because of a bad encounter or three, has decided that it's best to avoid women and concentrate on building his collection of action figures. But when his doofus co-workers discover his status, they make it their mission to get their friend some sex. With Catherine Keener. — G. Whipp. (R: pervasive sexual content, language, some drug use.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B

**"FOUR BROTHERS":** Borrowing from a Western revenge tale, this scruffy, sadistic and occasionally entertaining modern-day parable takes place in Detroit. Evelyn Mercer (Fionnula Flanagan) is still teaching kids the important lessons about life and the right road when we meet her; then she's gunned down in her convenience store. The Mercer boys reunite for her funeral and to spill whatever blood it takes to avenge their mother's death. — R. Moore. (R: strong violence, pervasive language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. C

**"GRIZZLY MAN":** Timothy Treadwell, an animal lover who spent 13 summers living among Alaska's grizzly bears, emerges as a lost soul in Werner Herzog's sly and captivating new documentary. Based on Treadwell's own video footage, the film documents his affection for the bears, his seething anger at society, his raging narcissism, his paranoid fantasy life and, finally, the ridiculously sad deaths of Treadwell and his girlfriend in 2003 — in the maw of a wild grizzly. — P. Kennicott. (R: profanity, disturbing situations.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B

**"HUSTLE & FLOW":** Memphis pimp D.Jay (Terrence Howard, in a career-making performance) dreams of becoming a rap star like his childhood acquaintance (Ludacris). D.Jay's talent is questionable and his goals unrealistic, but writer/director Craig Brewer sucks us into this world with ease. The marvelous supporting characters include Anthony Anderson and DJ Qualls as fledgling music producers and Taryn Manning and Taraji P. Henson as hookers. Brewer chokes on the predictable ending, but the ride there is so good, it hardly matters. — M. Pols. (R: sex, drug content, pervasive language and some violence.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. B+

**"JUNEBUG":** There are stereotypes in this movie; moralism, too. But first-time feature director Angus MacLachlan and an extraordinary cast (notably newcomer Amy Adams) find gnarly human truths in the material. A big-city gallery operator comes to the South to persuade a talented primitive artist to let her represent his artwork. — B. Strauss. (R: sex, nudity, language, racism, violence.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B+

**"MAD HOT BALLROOM":** This documentary follows several teams of pre-adolescent student dancers from New York as they train for the nerve-racking competition that caps the

**"THE MEMORY OF A KILLER":** One film genre in need of a new twist is the crime caper in which a brilliantly capable but good-hearted criminal is sucked back in for one last job. The criminal here is a sixties-something contract killer named Angelo Ledda (Jan Decleir), who is rapidly advancing toward full-blown Alzheimer's disease. He agrees to travel to Belgium to kill two people before he retires. The first hit is relatively simple, but the second is impossible, involving a young girl. — M. Pols. (R: violence, sexuality and nudity; in Dutch and French with subtitles.) 2 hours. B

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

## Alameda County

**Act 1 and 2**  
1050 Center Street, Berkeley 510-464-5980  
11:59  
●Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55  
●Donnie Darko: The Director's Cut (R) 11:59  
●El Crimen Perfecto (Not Rated) 4:45, 7:10, 9:35

**Many Twin**  
1150 Shattuck Ave. Albany 510-464-5980  
11:59  
●March of the Penguins (G) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:35, 8:45

**AMC Bay Street 16**  
944 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262  
11:05, 1:05, 4:05, 7:10, 9:25  
●Broken Flowers (R) 2:15, 5:15, 8:05, 10:35

●The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40  
●Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55  
●Donnie Darko: European Gigolo (R) 8:20, 10:30

●The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25  
●Frosty Four (PG-13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35

●Four Brothers (R) 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:35, 9:50, 10:45  
●Hustle & Flow (R) 1:55, 4:55, 7:50, 10:30  
●The Man (PG-13) 1:30, 5:20, 7:45, 10:45  
●Mad Love Dogs (PG) 2:10, 5:05, 7:40, 10:35

●The Skeleton Key (PG-13) 2:25, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45  
●The Transporter 2 (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30

●Valiant (G) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45  
●War of the Worlds (PG-13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10

**California Theatre**  
910 Middle St., Berkeley 510-464-5980  
11:59  
●An Unfinished Life (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

●The Aristocrats (Not Rated) 1:30, 5:15, 8:30, 10:45  
●Me and You and Everyone We Know (R) 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

**Chabot Space & Science Center**  
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300  
Call theatre for movies and times.

**Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre**  
100 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556  
11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15  
●The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 1:4, 7, 9:40  
●The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45  
●Wedding Crashers (R) 5, 7:30, 10, 10:30

**Oaks Theatre**  
100 Sycamore Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836  
●The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) 2, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40  
●Edward Munch (Not Rated) 2:30, 7, 9:30

**Rockway Speakeasy Theatre**  
1000 Rockway, Oakland 510-814-2400  
●Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55  
●Mad Hot Ballroom (PG) 7, 9:30  
●Me and You and Everyone We Know (R) 8:20, 10:30

**Piedmont Theatre**  
100 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-464-5980  
11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15  
●March of the Penguins (G) 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 6:45, 8:45, 10:45

## Regal Jack London

100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320  
4:50, 7:30, 10:10  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10  
●The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) 11:35, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 1, 4, 7, 10  
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●The Man (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30  
●Red Eye (PG-13) 12:215, 4:40, 7, 9:15  
●The Transporter 2 (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 9:50  
●Underclassman (PG-13) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35

## Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980  
●Belaze and the Little Chinese Seamstress (Not Rated) 1:25, 4, 6:45, 9:20  
●Broken Flowers (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35  
●Côte d'Azur (Not Rated) 2:05, 4:15, 6:50, 9:10  
●The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:40  
●Grizzly Man (R) 2, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45  
●The Keeper: The Legend of Omar Khayyam (PG) 2:10, 4:25, 6:55, 9:15  
●Mad Hot Ballroom (PG) 1:35, 4:10  
●The Man (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 9:50  
●Red Eye (PG-13) 2:20, 5, 7:30, 10  
●A Sound of Thunder (PG-13) 7:05, 9:30  
●Tony Takitani (Not Rated) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:25, 9:25

## United Artists Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:30, 10:10  
●The Cave (PG-13) 12:45, 3, 5:10, 7:30, 10:05  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 1, 4, 7, 10  
●Four Brothers (R) 2:30, 5, 7:40, 10:20  
●The Transporter 2 (PG-13) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 7:50, 10:30  
●Underclassman (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:15  
●Wedding Crashers (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

## United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 12:50, 3:30, 4:30, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30  
●An Unfinished Life (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 10  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20  
●Speeches of Innocence (Not Rated) 1:45, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10  
●March of the Penguins (G) 1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:10, 9:20  
●Red Eye (PG-13) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:45, 10  
●A Sound of Thunder (PG-13) 1:30, 7, 9:40  
●The Transporter 2 (PG-13) 12:45, 1:30, 3, 4:10, 5:15, 7:15, 8, 9:30, 10:15  
●Wedding Crashers (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:30

## Central Contra Costa

## Renaissance Orinda Theatre

4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35  
●Broken Flowers (R) 1:15, 3:45, 6:45, 9, 9:40  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:40

## Renaissance Park Theatre

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 925-283-7997  
●March of the Penguins (G) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9  
●Rheem All Stadium 4  
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 5:05, 7:40, 9:55  
●The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) 7:35, 9:50  
●The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) 5:10, 7:45, 10  
●Mad Hot Ballroom (PG) 5

## West Contra Costa

## Century 16 Hilltop

3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 11:30, 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15  
●The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25  
●The Cave (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:50  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55  
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●Four Brothers (R) 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45  
●The Man (PG-13) 11:40, 1:45, 3:50, 5:55, 8, 10:05  
●March of the Penguins (G) 11:55, 1:55, 3:50, 5:45, 7:40, 9:40  
●Red Eye (PG-13) 11:35, 1:40, 3:45, 6, 8:05, 10, 10:10  
●The Skeleton Key (PG-13) 12:35, 3, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20  
●Sky High (PG) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55  
●A Sound of Thunder (PG-13) 7:15, 9:35  
●The Transporter 2 (PG-13) 12:55, 3:10, 5:20, 6:30, 7:30, 9, 10  
●Underclassman (PG-13) 11:45, 2, 4:15, 7, 9:20  
●Valiant (G) 11:50, 1:50, 4:10  
●Wedding Crashers (R) 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

## San Francisco

## AMC Van Ness 14

1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 12:05, 2:45, 5:20, 8:05, 10:45  
●An Unfinished Life (PG-13) 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30  
●The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:20, 10:55  
●Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) 11:45, 2:05, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50  
●The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) 11:40, 12:30, 2, 3, 4:35, 5:45, 7:15, 8:30, 10, 11  
●Four Brothers (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25  
●Hustle & Flow (R) 8:15, 10:50  
●The Man (PG-13) 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45  
●Red Eye (PG-13) 1:20, 3:25, 5:35, 7:40, 9:55  
●A Sound of Thunder (PG-13) 11:55, 2:10, 4:55, 7:25, 10:05  
●The Transporter 2 (PG-13) 12, 1, 2:15, 3:15, 4:40, 5:25, 7, 7:45, 9:20, 10:15  
●Underclassman (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:50  
●Wedding Crashers (R) 11:50, 2:20, 5, 7:35, 10:20

## AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10  
●The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 1, 4:15, 7:20, 10:30  
●The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10  
●The Transporter 2 (PG-13) 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:25  
●Red Eye (PG-13) 1:20, 4:30, 7, 9:15  
●The Transporter 2 (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30  
●Wedding Crashers (R) 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20

## Bridge Theatre

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-267-4883  
●The Aristocrats (Not Rated) 1:30, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45  
●Castro Theatre  
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120  
●Baby Face: The Uncut Version (Not

## Clay Theatre

261 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-1159  
●Donnie Darko: The Director's Cut (R) 11:59  
●March of the Penguins (G) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15

## Embarcadero Center Cinemas

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-1159  
●2046 (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:50  
●Broken Flowers (R) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10  
●Côte d'Azur (Not Rated) 12:10, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30  
●Grizzly Man (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:10  
●Junebug (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40

## Lumiere Theatre

1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-9456  
●El Crimen Perfecto (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25  
●Me and You and Everyone We Know (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35  
●Tony Takitani (Not Rated) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45

## Opera Plaza Cinema

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4883  
●Elevator to the Gallows (Not Rated) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:50  
●The Keeper: The Legend of Omar Khayyam (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40  
●Mad Hot Ballroom (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20  
●Pretty Persuasion (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

## The Red Vic Theatre

1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-688-3994  
Call theatre for movies and times.

## The Roxie Theatre

3117 18th St. Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087  
●Margaret Cho: Assassin (Not Rated) 8:45  
●Milwaukee, Minnesota (R) 6, 8, 10  
●Winter Soldier.

## Loews Theatres Metreon\*

101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6200  
●The 40 Year-Old Virgin (R) 11:30, 12:30, 2:20, 3:30, 5:20, 6:40, 8:40, 10, 11:30  
●An Unfinished Life (PG-13) 10:30, 12, 1:20, 2:50, 4:10, 5:40, 7, 8:30, 9:50, 11:20  
●The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:15, 10:10  
●The Constant Gardener (R) 12:05, 1:10, 3:10, 4:40, 6:10, 8, 9:30, 11:10  
●The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) 10:40, 12:10, 1:30, 3, 4:30, 6, 7:30, 9,



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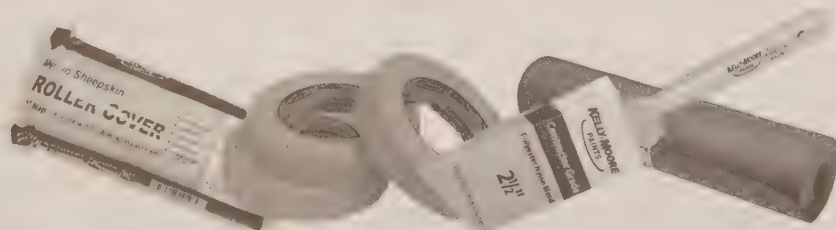
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## Events

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organization.

"Houses and Housings: Portability in Jewish Faith and Culture," Aug. 29 through May 15. An exhibit of works from the museum's permanent collection, including religious and secular text panels, ritual objects, paintings, prints and sculpture.

"The Danube Exodus: The Rippling Currents of the River," Aug. 29 through Jan. 22. An interactive installation by Hungarian documentary filmmaker Peter Forgacs and the Labyrinth Project, exploring the displacement of ethnic minorities during World War II.

Artist Talk, Sept. 11, 2 p.m. A lecture by Larry Rinder and Larry Abramson.

"Mining Memory," Oct. 30, 2 p.m. A colloquium discussing Forgacs' work.

"Revisions" — Larry Abramson: Searching for an Ideal City," Sept. 12 through Feb. 19. An installation created for the museum, using objects such as silver spice boxes and Hanukkah lamps to build a model skyline representing Jerusalem.

Artist Talk, Sept. 11, 2 p.m.  
\$6 general; \$4 students and seniors; free for children under age 12. Sunday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2191 Russell St., Berkeley. (510) 549-6950 or [www.magnes.org](http://www.magnes.org).

**MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM** — The collection includes over 6,000 objects, approximately 4,000 prints and drawings, 900 textiles, 200 paintings, and 900 small ceramics and sculptures. Each season works from the museum's permanent collection are shown along with the regular season's program.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS —

"Measures of Distance," Aug. 30 through Dec. 11. A video by Mona Hatoum.

"Mitchell's Death," Aug. 30 through Dec. 11. A video by Linda Montano.

"Three-Legged Inversions," Aug. 30 through Oct. 8. An exhibit of new sculptures by Gay Outlaw.

"Untitled Book Series, Volume 2," Aug. 30 through Dec. 11. A video by Michael Trigglio.

Free, Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 430-2164 or [www.mills.edu](http://www.mills.edu).

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE VILLAGE**

— Ongoing. A science museum with an African-American focus promoting science education and awareness for the underrepresented. The science village chronicles the technical achievements of people of African descent from ancient times to present. There are computer classes at the Internet Café, science education activities and seminars. There is also a resource library with a collection of books, periodicals and videotapes.

\$6 general; \$4 children ages 6 to 18. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 630 20th St., Oakland. (510) 893-6426 or [www.ncal-blackengineers.org](http://www.ncal-blackengineers.org).

**MUSEUM OF CHILDREN'S ART**

— Ongoing. A museum of art for and by children, with activities for children to participate in making their own art.

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"Big Studio." Guided art projects for children age 6 and older with a Mocha artist. Tuesday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$5.

"Little Studio." A hands-on experience that lets young artists age 18 months to 5 years see, touch and manipulate a variety of media. Children can get messy. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$5.

"Family Weekend Studios." Drop-in art activities for the whole family. All ages welcome. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. \$5 per child.

**FAMILY EXTRAVAGANZAS** — Special weekend workshops for the entire family.

"Sunday Workshops with Illustrators," Sundays, 1 p.m. See the artwork and meet the artists who create children's book illustrations. Free.

Free gallery admission. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 539 Ninth St., Oakland. (510) 465-8770 or [www.mocha.org](http://www.mocha.org).

**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA**

ONGOING EVENTS —

"Art a la Carte," Wednesdays, 12:30

p.m. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Free with museum admission.

"Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.

Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** — Free with general admission unless otherwise noted.

"Tet Trung Thu: Mid-Autumn Children's Festival," Sept. 10, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Celebrate the ancient Vietnamese full moon family festival with lanternmaking activities, lion dancing, Vietnamese dance, singing, skits and a parade. Free.

"Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary: Research and Resources," Sept. 15, 12:30 p.m. A lecture by Jennifer Stock, education coordinator at the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary.

"Untold Stories: Baseball and the Multicultural Experience," Sept. 17, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. An evening of stories about baseball figures who overcame ethnic and racial barriers to succeed, featuring Martin Wyatt of KGO-TV, Negro League player Buck O'Neil, journalist Marcos Breton, photographer Jose Luis Villegas and historian Kerry Yu Nakagawa. Tickets available at [www.museumca.org/tickets](http://www.museumca.org/tickets). \$10, 10 Tenth St., Oakland.

"Bike Tours of Oakland," Sept. 18, 10 a.m. Explore Oakland by bike with docents from the museum, on a leisurely two-hour tour. Meet at the 10th Street entrance. Reservations required. (510) 238-3514.

"Family Exploration! Shadow Puppets," Sept. 18, noon to 4 p.m. Hear stories about California animals and learn how to make a shadow puppet of your favorite animal.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS —

"Oakland's Coach: The Legacy of George Powles," Ongoing. Opening Sept. 17. An exhibit dedicated to the man who coached baseball, basketball and football at McClymonds, a predominantly black high school in Oakland, from 1947 to 1975, and who influenced the lives of Frank Robinson, Curt Flood, Joe Morgan and Bill Russell.

"Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien," April 9 through Dec. 4. An exhibit of 80 watercolor/gouache paintings of California wildflowers by the artist.

"The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino, 20th-Century Ceramic Masters," July 23 through Oct. 16. An exhibit of 50 of

the couple's elegant bottles, bowls, platters and tiles, created in the period from 1950 to 1995.

"Baseball as America," Sept. 17 through Jan. 22. This exhibit explores the relationship between baseball and American culture, and features objects from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. **EXTENDED WEEKEND HOURS FOR THIS EXHIBIT:** SATURDAY, 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M.; SUNDAY, NOON TO 6 P.M.

"The Latino Baseball Story: Photographs by Jose Luis Villegas," Sept. 17 through May 28. An exhibit of 60 photographs documenting young Latinos and their dreams of becoming baseball stars in the United States.

\$8 general; \$5 seniors and students; free for children ages 5 and under; free to all on the second Sunday of the month. Special events are free with museum admission unless noted otherwise. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. (510) 238-2200 or [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org).

**PARDEE HOME MUSEUM** — Ongoing. The historic Pardee Mansion, a three-story Italianate villa built in 1868, was home to three generations of the Pardee family who were instrumental in the civic and cultural development of California and Oakland. The home includes the house, grounds, water tower and barn. Reservations recommended.

\$5 general; free for children ages 12 and under. House Tours: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. 672 11th St., Oakland. (510) 444-2187 or [www.pardeehome.org](http://www.pardeehome.org).

**RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

— Ongoing. Permanent exhibits highlight Richmond's cultural, industrial and architectural legacy.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. (510) 235-7387 or <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/filibrary/richmond-museum-exhibits.htm>.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY ART MUSEUM**

## ONGOING EVENTS —

"First Impressions: Free First Thursdays," first Thursday of every month. Special tours and movie presentations. Admission is free.

Guided Tours, selected Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Graduate students from the university's Department of Art History will give tours of featured exhibits.

## SPECIAL EXHIBITS —

"Turning Corners," Feb. 26 through Jan. 22. This exhibition looks at five centuries of innovative art and ideas from around the world through masterworks from the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. On view are works by artists ranging from Albrecht

Durer, Peter Paul Rubens,

Gauguin to Jackson Pollock,

Hesse; and recent works by

Dunham, Xu Bing and others.

"Figurations," July 21 through

A changing exhibition of

and recent paintings that

man form in various ways.

"Yosemite in Time," Aug. 10

Dec. 23. An exhibit exploring

Park through the work of

America's greatest

painters, including Ansel

Adams, Watkins and Edward

Seymour.

Gallery Talk, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

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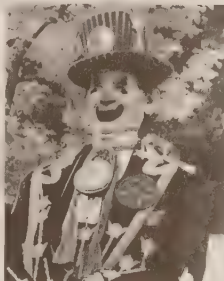
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**"Trivia Question + Answer"**

Who at Fairyland gets regular massages and visits by the chiropractor-on site?

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**"This Weeks Trivia Question"**

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# THE DINING GUIDE

## Featured Menu



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Waterfront Restaurant

Seafood/Prime Rib/Steak/Lobster/Cocktail

#### EARLY BIRD DINNERS 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM • DAILY

##### DINNER INCLUDES

-Choice of Clam Chowder or Soup of the Day or a small green salad  
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**TERIYAKI SALMON**

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**PRIME RIB** Boneless, Petite cut

**TERIYAKI NEW YORK STEAK** Petite cut

**NEW YORK STEAK** Petite cut

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#### El Caballo

891B Island Drive (Harbor Bay Island), Alameda, (510) 521-4032

Family-owned El Caballo Mexican Restaurant has had a long-standing reputation for preparing delicious traditional dishes from scratch using nothing but the freshest ingredients of the highest quality. El Caballo is famous for their Especialidades De Mariscos (seafood specialties) including Paella Exilto Catalina, Cioppino Siete Madres, Enchiladas Cabo San Lucas, and many others. In addition to delicious seafood entrees, El Caballo offers an impressive menu of Mexican favorites to please every palate. The family and staff at El Caballo have made it their utmost priority to offer you, their guests, a pleasant and relaxing dining experience. You are invited to enjoy authentic Mexican dining with a view over beautiful Harbor Bay Lagoon.

#### Katsu Sushi

1465 Webster Street, Alameda, (510) 749-8461

West Alameda's newest restaurant, Katsu Sushi, invites guests to an upscale dining experience with classic simplicity. Chef Sang Kim prepares all dishes from scratch and seafood is brought in fresh, directly from Japan. The menu is extensive, ranging from an extraordinary selection of sushi and sashimi, Udon/Soba, Donburi (over rice dishes), to pasta and an impressive variety of sake. Architect Duk Lee has created a dramatic backdrop for guests, marrying modern art with traditional design elements. Attention to even the most minor aesthetic detail is also mirrored in the elegant presentation of Katsu's dishes, offerings that are as much a work of art to the palate as to the eye. Katsu is open for lunch M-S from 11:30am to 2:30pm and open for dinner every day from 5-9:30pm. Reservations recommended

#### Montclair Bistro

6118 Medair Place, Montclair Village, (510) 482-8282

Chef Henry Vortriede's philosophy of his restaurant, Montclair Bistro, is Merix Cuisine, which he finds is "a synergy between the food on the table, the art on the walls, and the ambience of the restaurant. The result is a feeling of comfort and harmony between the food and the surroundings". The Bistro's cuisine is Creative California with a French Flare and offers gourmet delicacies for even the most discriminating palate. The dining experience is enhanced with a full bar and more than 150 wines and Vintage Ports. Montclair Bistro offers lunch, dinner, Happy Hour and Sunday Brunch. Please visit our bar hours of operation. Reservations are recommended but not required. Visit www.montclairbistro.com.

#### Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant

300 - 29th Avenue, Oakland (510) 261-1621

Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. For over 30 years the restaurant has been located adjacent to the Park Street Bridge overlooking the Alameda/Oakland estuary. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, Angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials, and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good homestyle cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the popular earlybird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water and there is plenty of free parking. The Pier is open 7 days a week. New business hours: Sun. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. - Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner.

#### Sophia Cafe

1247 Solano Ave., Albany (510) 526-8663

Sophia Cafe is a tiny haven for Mideast food. Owner Moti Dagan makes entrees and baked goods with a personal touch. For dinner enjoy schnitzel, moussaka (spiced eggplant dish with ground beef) or the cous cous plate. Finish with a delightful dessert made in-house. For a limited time, enjoy early bird specials for only \$7.95. Offer valid only with mention of ad from 5-9pm. Take out and catering menus available upon request. Open Sun-Fri 11-9pm.

#### Sushi House

2375 Shoreline Drive, Alameda (510) 865-0999

When it comes to sushi, one place on the island comes to mind. Come experience why locals & out-of-towners alike flock to Sushi House. Whether you're a fan of modern or traditional Japanese cuisine, Sushi House will delight your senses w/unique, award-winning sushi creations not found elsewhere on either side of the Bay. You've tried the rest. Now try the best! All seafood is delivered daily to ensure unrivaled quality & freshness. Showcasing these excellent beginnings are chef/owner James' own creations such as "Crazy Horse" - tuna, hamachi, salmon & avocado; "Crazy Monkey" - yellow tail, salmon, eel, tobiko and cucumber; & "Dynamite" - yellow tail, salmon, tuna & halibut deep fried w/house special sauce - spicy! Frequent Sushi House diners John & Salle Crittenden agreed that "James is a real artist & his sushi is the freshest we've ever tasted." Sushi House is open nonstop from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday & 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays. Plenty of free parking. From an intimate date to a big celebration, Sushi House is the hip & trendy place to be in Alameda AE MC VS \$5

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1433 Park Street, Alameda (510) 865-8008

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## Featured Menu



**Pier 29**  
Waterfront Restaurant  
Seafood/Prime Rib/Steak/Lobster/Cocktail

### BREAKFAST MENU

All Breakfasts served with home style potatoes, fresh fruit cup, and Choice of toast: white, wheat, rye, sourdough, or raisin. Or homemade banana oak bran muffin.

#### Traditional Breakfasts, TWO EGGS, ANY STYLE with

|                                   |         |
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| Bacon Or Sausage Or Ham.....      | \$7.95  |
| Homemade Corned Beef Hash.....    | \$9.95  |
| Homemade Chicken Fried Steak..... | \$9.95  |
| New York Steak.....               | \$16.95 |

### SCRAMBLED EGG BREAKFASTS

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| Pier 29 Scramble.....   | \$10.95 |
| Scrambled eggs with crab, shrimp, cheddar and jack cheese, & green onion      |         |
| Joe Special Scramble.....   | \$9.95  |
| Scrambled eggs with ground beef, spinach, mushrooms, onion, & Italian sausage |         |
| Dunginess Crab Scramble.....  | \$13.95 |
| Scrambled eggs with Dunginess crab, cheddar and jack cheese, & green onion    |         |

### OMELETTES

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| Denver Omelette.....   | \$8.95  |
| Hot pepper, cheese, ham & onion  |         |
| Ham & Cheese Omelette.....   | \$8.95  |
| Chicken Vegetable Omelette.....  | \$8.95  |
| Spinach, chicken, mushrooms, & tomato  |         |
| Cajun Seafood Omelette.....  | \$11.95 |
| Sautéed scallops, crab, shrimp, mushrooms & green onion in Cajun spice topped with hollandaise sauce |         |
| Seafood Omelette.....  | \$11.95 |
| Sautéed scallops, crab, shrimp, mushrooms & green onion in topped with hollandaise sauce             |         |

### MEAT ENTREES

Served with soup or choice of small green salad or (small Caesar salad - \$1.50 extra). Choice of rice, French fries, garlic mashed potatoes, baked potato and fresh vegetables.

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Prime Rib.....  | \$18.95 Extra Cut \$21.95 |
| Tender, juicy Angus Prime Rib   |                           |
| Petite Chateaubriand.....   | \$23.95                   |
| Charbroiled filet mignon with delicious wine, fresh mushroom sauce A Pier 29 Favorite |                           |
| Blue Cheese Filet Mignon.....   | \$23.95                   |
| Filet mignon topped with melted blue cheese   |                           |
| Veal Scallopini with fresh mushroom and tomato sauce.....                             | \$17.95                   |
| Chicken Scallopini with fresh mushroom and tomato sauce.....                          | \$14.95                   |

Party of 6 or more will add 15% gratuity to the check

### \*SEAFOOD ENTREES

Served with soup or choice of small green or (small Caesar salad \$1.50 extra).

Your choice of rice, French fries, garlic mashed potatoes, baked potato, and fresh vegetables.

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| Crab Cakes.....  | \$17.95 |
| Homemade crab cakes served with sweet & sour mild chili sauce  |         |
| Fisherman's Plate.....   | \$18.95 |
| Charbroiled prawns, scallops & calamari marinated in garlic honey soy sauce                            |         |
| *Seafood Sauté.....  | \$18.95 |
| Sautéed prawns, scallops, Dunginess crab legs, onions, mushrooms & garlic in lemon butter brandy sauce |         |
| Blackened Prawns on a skewer.....  | \$17.95 |
| Charbroiled large prawns marinated in Cajun spice (spicy)  |         |
| Scampi Supreme.....  | \$17.95 |
| Sautéed with onion, mushrooms, garlic & lemon butter brandy sauce                                      |         |
| Teriyaki Salmon.....   | \$17.95 |
| Blackened Salmon (marinated in Cajun spice)  | \$17.95 |
| Salmon with lemon caper sauce.....   | \$17.95 |
| Petrale Sole Almondine.....  | \$17.95 |
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### El Caballo Wraps

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### Café Ya 'sou

1265 Harbor Bay Parkway #100, Alameda, (510) 522-7991  
Café Ya 'sou takes guests on a culinary journey to the Mediterranean, bringing the flavors of Greece and her neighbors to Alameda. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Ya 'sou has a reputation of pleasing guests with old-fashioned Greek specialties created by Stelios. Try one of many home-style entrees, including Moussaka, Spanikopita, Tiropirakia, Osso Buco, and Dolmas (Greek sampler) to name only a few. Vegetarian entrees are available upon request. Greek desserts, cakes pastries from old family recipes are not to be missed. Catering is also a specialty at Café Ya 'sou, offering delicious sit-down or buffet-style dinners for private parties, corporate events, weddings and more. A catered Sunday brunch can be arranged for your church or community center. Café Ya 'sou is located at 1265 Harbor Bay Pkwy #100 in Alameda. (510) 522-7991.

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## Bread

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which is actually rather bland), but the deep, dark taste of the bread's crust. This isn't just bread, it's some kind of neutral bracket, the filling's necessary sheath — the bread is at least as interesting as what it contains.

Warm and brittle, that same baguette is fantastic wrapped around a Diestel Turkey Meatball Sub (\$7.95 for a whole), smothered with marinara sauce, tender melted provolone, the pale meatballs soft, and vivid with garlic and chopped marjoram.

Other sandwiches are less successful. Vegan Roasted Tofu (\$5.50) is warm, rich and flabby in an onion roll, but it hasn't spent enough time in its marinade. The effect is pure, but bland. And a Niman Salami Sandwich (\$5.50) suffers from the salami itself: The Niman version isn't as chewy or peppery, or as such a pronounced cured meat, as other Genoa salamis.

Perhaps the most delicious sandwich at the Bread Workshop is the anchor of its dinner menu: spit-roasted chicken. But, like all the ingredients here, this isn't just chicken, but one Briscoe selected for its environmental soundness. They're called Smart chickens: free-range, organic, and processed not in water baths with cold air, common in Europe — it reduces the risk of cross-contamination, says Briscoe, and keeps the carcasses from absorbing the ambient water that makes other chickens soggy.

In other words, they're very healthy chickens. But Briscoe's smart chicken version (\$8.75 for a whole bird), smeared under its skin with green pumpkinseed oil, served with a big pile of lightly sautéed sweet corn and a sophisticated little salad, is the



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

PERHAPS THE MOST delicious dish at the Bread Workshop in Berkeley is the anchor of its dinner menu: spit-roasted chicken.

This isn't just bread as some kind of neutral bracket, the filling's necessary sheath — the bread is at least as interesting as what it contains.

## FOOD



(overall value rating of our visit; out of a possible 5)

■ **CUISINE:** Sandwiches at lunch; rotisserie chicken and other entrees at dinner.

■ **PRICES:** Lunch \$ (\$4.25-\$8.95); dinner \$\$ (\$6.75-\$17.50).

■ **HOME RUN:** Rotisserie Green Pibe Chicken; Chicken Sandwich with Avocado Salsa.

■ **STRIKEOUT:** A Vegan Roasted Tofu Sandwich is bland.

■ **VEGETARIAN:** A couple of meatless sandwiches, and, at dinner, vegetarian tamales and a mushroom pot pie.

■ **KIDS MENU:** Cheese pizza or a grilled cheese sandwich.

■ **DESSERTS:** Fresh from Kokkari, pastry chef Clara Yun has a huge range and a very sophisticated palate. Her Valrhona Chocolate Brownie (\$2.50) might be the best you've tasted, and the coconutty Macaroon Bar (\$2.50) is elegant and restrained, not gooey and clammy. A Blackbottom Cupcake (\$1.75) has a big swirl of deliciously tangy sour cream, but a Valrhona Cupcake (\$1.75) is dry and crumbly under its exuberant swirl of ganache icing.

■ **FREEBIES:** Sandwiches come with a small garnish — pieces of melon, thin cucumber slices brushed with vinegar or sautéed mushrooms on a slice of baguette toast.

■ **BEVERAGES:** Espresso and soft drinks.

■ **FOOD COST (pre-tax):** \$64.65: five sandwiches, two entrees, six dessert pastries.

best rotisserie bird I've tasted, ever, good for the planet or not.

That's the thing about this place: Forget you're in a cafe — ignore the husky whirr of the espresso machine's steam jet — and you just might realize you're in one of the best restaurants to open in the East Bay this year.

Reach award-winning East-Bay food writer John Birdsall at jwbirdsall@earthlink.net.

## Our Town'

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in the play. The Stage Manager serves as our tour guide for Grover's Corners. He sets up and directs the action and also jumps into the play periodically.

There's a great temptation to see him as a God-like figure, Oliver said. "I'm not comfortable with that. I think of him as a playwright." And she has been playing a part written for a man. "It doesn't really matter much," she said.

Oliver, who has never appeared in a production of "Our Town," said it's a fantastic experience. "Wilder says so much. I think of him as a philosopher. His message is just amazing. Sometimes he arranges words in subways that mean so much."

Charles Shaw Robinson, who plays Dr. Gibbs, sees the year spent in Rome studying philosophy as a big influence on the play's approach. "He's

taken an archaeologist's view of Grover's Corners. What would we understand about the little pieces of people's lives we'd find if it was dug up?"

But Wilder and his masterpiece struggled to make it back to Berkeley this year. A fire on June 29 destroyed Berkeley Rep's scene shop, which had been at Fifth Street off Gilman for 20 years. Nearly \$1 million of specialized equipment and tools for set building, as well as stage scenery, were lost in the fire. None of the Berkeley Rep's employees were there at the time; however, several firefighters were injured while battling the blaze.

Could Wilder's spirit have been hovering over his old town in June, trying to ensure that his radical idea for "Our Town" to dispense with scenery be respected? It will be, but sets still had to be built.

The fire put the play about universal truths very much in the moment.

"It's like the Kennedy assass-

ination. I remember the exact time and place where I was when I heard about the fire," said Susan Medak, Berkeley Rep's managing director. She and the staff had to be creative to ensure "Our Town" got mounted in time. The set for "Our Town" had to be built on the loading dock and on the stage of the theater, and part of it had to be contracted out to a commercial production shop.

"It's not by any means ideal. But we do have insurance. We'll be able to limp along this year," said Medak.

But Berkeley Rep is now searching for a new scene shop that has 25,000 to 30,000 square feet of space and must meet many other requirements, including having proper ventilation and accessibility, adequate loading and unloading space, be in a safe neighborhood, and be affordable for a nonprofit. "This sets up a very daunting task for us," Medak said.

To help the theater recover from the fire, a Three-Alarm Barbecue fund-raiser will be held

Sept. 17. Berkeley firefighters will fan the flames beneath a barbecue at Berkeley Rep. The barbecue will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is only \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids. Kids under 6 eat free.

Discounted seats are also available for a matinee of "Our Town," which begins at 2 p.m. to anyone who attends the barbecue. The show is not recommended for children under 10.

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## Fiction

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4. "Until I Find You," by John Irving. (Random House, \$27.95.)
5. "The Zahir," by Paulo Coelho. (HarperCollins, \$24.95.)
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10. "Saturday," by Ian McEwan. (Nan A. Talese, \$26.)

## Nonfiction

1. "Freakonomics," by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner. (William Morrow, \$25.95.)
2. "Blink," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little Brown, \$25.95.)
3. "1776," by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$32.)
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7. "Oh, the Glory of It All," by Sean Wilentz. (Penguin, \$25.95.)
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1. "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$14.)
2. "Snow," by Orhan Pamuk. (Vintage, \$14.95.)
3. "The Shadow of the Wind," by Car-

- los Ruiz Zafon. (Penguin, \$15.)
4. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," by Mark Haddon. (Vintage, \$12.)
5. "The Secret Life of Bees," by Sue Monk Kidd. (Penguin, \$14.)
6. "The Time Traveler's Wife," by Audrey Niffenegger. (Harvest, \$14.)
7. "Skinny Dip," by Carl Hiaasen. (Warner, \$12.95.)
8. "Wicked," by Gregory Maguire. (ReganBooks, \$15.)
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1. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim," by David Sedaris. (Back Bay, \$14.95.)
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5. "How Soccer Explains the World," by Franklin Foer. (HarperPerennial, \$13.95.)
6. "Under the Banner of Heaven," by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor, \$15.95.)
7. "Don't Think of an Elephant," by George Lakoff. (Chelsea Green, \$10.)
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10. "What's The Matter With Kansas?" by Thomas Frank. (Owl, \$14.)

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1. "The Constant Gardener," by John le Carré. (Pocket, \$7.99.)
2. "Angels & Demons," by Dan Brown. (Pocket, \$7.99.)
3. "The Rule of Four," by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason. (Dell, \$7.99.)
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## Stroll

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national local legacy by the city of Congress. The Stroll in the Solano Avenue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

It exemplifies community spirit, for the merchants lining Solano Avenue come together every year to put together the extravaganza. "It started small, and it's taken on a life of its own. It's a great community effort," said Peter Snidow, president of the Solano Avenue Association.

Snidow has owned the Powder Box, a Berkeley institution that has been providing hair cuts since the 1930s, for nearly eight decades. The association strives to live up to the reputation the Stroll has earned as one of the best parties in the Bay Area. Bullwinkel attracts the most intriguing local entertainers, and gets decorated with applications each year. She's not only looking for people that can get their groove on, she also wants to dole out a little education.

I want people to get a taste of what the Bay Area is all about," she said.

The entertainer chosen for this year's party is Baba Ken. He has been attending the Solano Stroll every year since 1980. He's been in the Bay Area for 18 years ago, but this is his first time he'll perform. He has a hand, the Nigerian Brother will play at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. at Solano Ave.

I have always been in the audience, and there is such wonderful stuff happening that I thought we should be a part of it in a wonderful setting," he

And the Nigerian Brother typify Solano Stroll entertainment with their traditional African folk music, which he describes as more tra-



SOLANO AVENUE ASSOCIATION

**BRASARTE** hosts a stage full of entertainment, including world rhythms, belly dancers, Brazilian dance troupe Ginga Brazil and others, near Peet's at 1831 Solano Ave. at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

ditional than, but similar to, the sounds Ladysmith Black Mambazo created for Paul Simon's Graceland album. Partygoers can also sample zydeco, Latin jazz, Spanish guitar, Australian didgeridoo and Scottish and Irish music as well as punk, hip-hop and the blues.

Of course, music isn't the only feature of the Solano Stroll. It begins with an 8 a.m. pancake breakfast at Veteran's Memorial Park in Albany and slowly gains momentum when the arts and crafts booths open at 10 a.m. The craft kickoff is at 11 a.m. with the parade.

This year's theme is "Don't Rain on My Parade," something Bullwinkel devised when she realized the event would fall on Sept. 11. "On the one hand we wanted to acknowledge Sept. 11, but we still needed to come together and not let what happened dampen our spirits," Bullwinkel said.

Every year, Bullwinkel challenges Solano Avenue merchants to create something that

reflects the party's theme. This year merchants decorated umbrellas.

Perhaps the most unusual umbrella is Snidow's creation, an umbrella decorated entirely with human hair left over from trims at the Powder Box.

"For two weeks I collected hair, and one afternoon I came home with 20 bags of hair," she said. "I sprayed an umbrella with spray glue and sprinkled the hair on top. Then, with color-treated hairspray, I decorated the hair in a pattern. The fringe comes from curled bits from a wig."

Snidow and several other merchants will act as grand marshals of the parade, showing off their umbrella creations.

The parade will begin with a moment of silence. In addition, to help with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, Bullwinkel said Red Cross donation sites will be located throughout the Stroll.

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# Arts & Leisure

Friday, September 9, 2005



J.B. ALDERMAN  
On DVDs

## 'Sahara' a good adventure film

### SAHARA

Memo to the "Raiders of the Lost Ark" screenwriters: contact your lawyer, because "Sahara" is clearly ripping off of your classic 1981 Harrison Ford adventure film. For the rest of us, however, this is excellent news. It's been years since a great swashbuckling treasure-hunting movie has been made, and "Sahara" delivers. Stars Matthew McConaughey and Penélope Cruz are delightful eye candy and deliver pitch perfect Saturday matinee performances. The plot is thin — something about Civil War treasure and poisoned ground water in Africa — but that is easily excused when in return viewers are given a fast, fun, amusing romp. There is a bit too much violence for kids under 12, and some seniors may find it all a bit vapid. (PG-13: action violence). 2 hours and 4 minutes.

### Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 2 stars

Teens: 3½ stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 2½ stars

Should you rent it? Yes — A great popcorn movie that parents will enjoy watching with their family.

### THUNDERSTRUCK

Another unofficial movie remake comes in the form of "Thunderstruck," which looks a lot like a heterosexual, hard-rock version of "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." Filled with straight guys, the music and style of "Thunderstruck" can't hold a candle to the campy "Priscilla," but this DVD is still easy and enjoyable to watch — the cinematic equivalent of a cold can of Foster's. United by their love of the legendary amplified shrieks of AC/DC, four Australian lads head out on a cross-continental road trip to bury their fallen former band mate. Amusing (but far from hysterical) hijinks ensue. Stephen Curry shines as the head banger turned dorky supermarket assistant manager. (Not rated, but the equivalent of PG-13 for drugs and language). 1 hour and 38 minutes.

### Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2½ stars

Kids: 2 stars

Teens: 3 stars

Adults: 2½ stars

Seniors: 1½ stars

Should you rent it? Yes — Gentle tribute to lost dreams, lost friends and a love of rock and roll.

### SIN CITY

Along with the great unanswered questions of our era, such as who killed JFK and where Jimmy Hoffa is buried, must be added a new riddle: "Why was 'Sin City' ever made?" This film offended me on so many levels, but perhaps the greatest crime is that when odious flops like this bomb at the box office, DVD renters must subsidize the loss in the form of ever-escalating rental fees. So the next time you fork over \$4 to rent a simple disc, send a karmic postcard of loathing to the studio executive who decided to waste tens of millions of dollars on assembling this overripe chicken neck of a movie. This black and white film noir wannabe was modeled after the popular adult comic book line of the same name, with Bruce Willis as the nominal star. (R: extreme gore and violence). 2 hours and 4 minutes.

### Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: ½ star

Kids: 0 stars

Teens: 1½ stars

Adults: 1 star

Seniors: ½ star

Should you rent it? No — Violent and disturbing without any redeeming societal or entertainment value.

J.B. Alderman lives in Piedmont and can be reached via [www.PhDVD.com](http://www.PhDVD.com).



THEY TWIRL, they tap, they tumble and turn. They're the kids from Katie's Dance Studio, and will perform one-hour shows at Peralta Park at 1561 Solano Ave. at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

## Let the good times Stroll

■ The massive block party that spans Berkeley and Albany has been entertaining crowds for 31 years

By Katrina Martin  
Davenport  
CORRESPONDENT

The Solano Stroll is a little more than a mile of international entertainment and a good education in world music.

Walking from block to block down Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany, one might happen upon Alex Yaskin playing Russian accordion music, the Templebar Royal Hawaiian Ukulele Band swaying grass skirts and strumming ukuleles, or the 50-member Gamelan Sekar Jaya captivating with its Balinese music and dance.

"Every year the quality of music gets better and better," said Lisa Bullwinkel, executive director of the Solano Avenue Association. "It represents every kind of ethnic background."

### IF YOU GO

■ WHAT: Theme parade, entertainment, food, arts and crafts, art cars, Kidtown

■ WHEN: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

■ WHERE: Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany

■ TRANSPORTATION: Shuttles will take fairgoers up and down Marin Avenue. Shuttles also run from the North Berkeley BART station to The Alameda and Marin Avenue. Shuttles are wheelchair accessible and run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Ride your bike and enjoy free valet bicycle parking at Wells Fargo Bank, 1800 Solano Ave. By bus, take AC Transit 15, 43 or 72. Special handicapped parking is available on the North side of Solano Avenue.

■ INFORMATION: 510-527-5358 or [www.solanostroll.org](http://www.solanostroll.org)

For 31 years the Solano Avenue Association has put on this massive block party that spans two cities and has been designated

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THE SUHAILA DANCE COMPANY, featuring belly dancers, rhythmic percussive dancers, and traditional Middle Eastern drummers, will perform a musical oasis at 1240 Solano Ave. at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

## Actors reflect on vestiges of Wilder in 'Our Town'

By Keith Gleason  
CORRESPONDENT

"Toward the end of the '20s I began to lose pleasure in going to the theater. I ceased to believe in the stories I saw presented there," wrote Thornton Wilder in a 1957 preface to three of his most famous plays, "Our Town," "The Skin of Our Teeth," and "The Matchmaker."

He set out to make plays believable again, and to remove the trappings of theater, including scenery, props and chronology, which he thought harnessed the action too much to a particular time and place. Wilder said it was through the theater's power to raise the exhibited individual action into the realm of idea and type and universal that it is able to evoke our belief.

But he didn't get around to setting the theater world upside down for another 10 years, when "Our Town" opened in New York in 1938. He got distracted with teaching and writing novels, including his 1927 book "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," which earned him his first Pulitzer Prize. He won his other two Pulitzers for "Our Town" and "The Skin of Our Teeth."

Few people today would confuse Berkeley with Grover's Corners, the small American town where Wilder set "Our Town." But for a few years between 1911 and 1915, Wilder called Berkeley home.

As a boy of 13, Wilder acted in walk-in parts in plays presented at the Greek Theater in the summer. He later wrote plays at Berkeley High, where he grad-

### IF YOU GO

■ WHAT: Our Town

■ WHEN: Previews, Sept. 9-14, Runs Sept. 15-Oct. 23.

■ WHERE: Berkeley Repertory's Roda Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley

■ TICKETS: \$30-\$45

■ INFORMATION: Call 510-847-2949, 1-888-427-8849 or go to [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org)

uated in 1915, and spent hours in UC Berkeley's Doe Library, reading about the modern expressionist movement in Germany and great theatrical directors such as Max Reinhardt.

Veteran Bay Area actress Barbara Oliver, who will appear in the pivotal role of Stage Manager in Berkeley Rep's production of "Our Town" that opens with previews tonight, has a special appreciation for Wilder the playwright and personal affinity with Wilder the Berkeley resident.

"I remember the pictures from 'Our Town' when the play opened in 1938," she said. "I was 12 years old. It got a huge amount of attention. It was such a departure for him to refuse to use scenery."

A Berkeley resident, Oliver lives only a block from Emerson Grammar school, where Wilder was a student about 1911, and attends church at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where Wilder sang in the choir. As the Stage Manager, she has the most important

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THE BERKELEY REP'S production of "Our Town," which opens tonight with previews, features a hometown cast with, from left, Julie Eccles, Gideon Lazarus and Charles Shaw Robinson. This is the first show in the theater's 2005/06 season.

## Workshop best thing sliced bread

By John...

You'll think you stand in line at a shop, watching the assemble a cake, wondering if you there half an hour, knowledge you made some out as you step aside woman in a gown looks like German bloom of late upper lip, and as if it were a patient Because the indifferent the shames mosaic of a drawing decorating a wall, legs kids with middle-aged men ponytails — behind the heart of a series a kitchen working produce food that perfection. I love that modesty as much as confidence. It doesn't anything more than yet it seeks to go tail right.

Half the time the shop is a sandwich surprise, in a place first 16 years as a before expanding to space last spring. Briscoe started at nearly 30 years ago, launched the Bread in 1989, in a picturesque factory facing Stranahan began with the breads for restaurant, mainly wholesale.

Honestly, I never enthusiasm for the shop's breads. They seemed as fine or breads from, say, charms more artisan. But what makes them breads less than does makes them perfect: soft, with a tender they don't make and pull like a dog on a rope toy.

The Chicken Avocado Salsa (\$6.95) as a Vietnamese banh a sesame oil for moist chicken, and a ocaado salsa packed and garlicky Indonesian (chile paste). The builds as you work through the sandwich spice never overpowers of the bird itself.

The same seamless vivid elements take Classic Italian Sub whole sandwich), a split baguette basket oil and vinegar, slices of Niman Ranch and ham, provolone. What makes this sub is a spicy, vinegary (made with olive African Peppadew with the flavor of

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## BREAD WORKSHOP

REVIEW VISIT ON...

■ WHERE: 1338 University (at Acton), Berkeley  
■ HOURS: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; days; dinner 5-8 p.m.  
■ PARKING: Metered on University Avenue.

■ CONTACT: 510-847-2949

■ DATE OPENED: The bakery in 1989 at the location on Marin.

■ PRINCIPALS: chef/owner, Robert Briscoe; purchaser, Gary Briscoe; chef, Alvin Cosentino; Clara Yun, pastry chef.

■ RESERVATIONS: as 40 in the cafe area.

■ PRIVATE PARTIES: space, which is contemporary, use kitchen as backdrop.

■ MOOD: The big mismatched large you can watch breads into the bread oven.

■ SPECIAL AREA: communal table that order at the counter hear your name called.



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Section D

## Mazda introduces the all-new 2006 Mazda5 Touring vehicle

BY TOM KEANE  
MOTOR MATTERS

The week's tester gave me a Zoom-Zoom experience. The 2006 Mazda5 Touring is a versatile little vehicle and a genuine pleasure to drive.

Only difficulty is trying to categorize the thing. It's not exactly a family car, yet it serves that purpose. Nor is it a vehicle capable of hauling cargo, although it did that, too. It's not a sports car, but it has sort of sporty shifting gears. It's not a minivan, either. It's not a sedan. Because the vehicle isn't heavy (it weighs 3,333 pounds), it responds quickly to the road. It also responds favorably to gas. EPA mile ratings: 21 city, 28 highway.

The body is attractive but hard to describe. The rear door slides open like a mini-van in some areas it resembles a wagon with access to a storage area through a lift gate. However, the lines are too smooth, so it's not a station wagon or a minivan. Nor is it a sedan, yet it accommodates five passengers. I found it easy to get in and out of the seats. As for a sport utility vehicle, it's not that big and it doesn't have a roof rack.

It's completely true that the interior is pretty friendly and easy to maneuver. It even supplies a booklet with information to explain the numerous utility features. For example, one item explains how the manual and automatic condition systems operate. I turned to the booklet to learn how the 50/50 rear seatbacks when folded down to load in the rear. I found the center seats fold flat and storage underneath. The booklet explains how to adjust the driver's seat and install child safety seats — all things that regular, ordinary vehicles



THE 2006 MAZDA5 Touring is a versatile little vehicle and a genuine pleasure to drive.

MOTOR MATTERS

### KEANE ON WHEELS

do, except the Mazda5 is not ordinary. It's distinctively different.

It's small, yet it does big things. It's attractive but hard to describe. It's appealing, yet I can't figure out why. Maybe it's the price. My tester, complete with just about everything I could want, cost \$19,450, including delivery. An automatic transmission would cost an extra \$500; but my tester had a five-speed manual transmission. The Mazda5 is available with an automatic transmission that includes manual shift modes.

My tester had a power moon roof, plus tilt and telescopic leather-wrapped steering wheel. Controls for cruise and audio are on the steering wheel. It has automatic climate control and the rear window has a defogger and rear wipers. Also

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| Horsepower      | 157 @ 6,500 rpm   |
| Torque          | 148 @ 3,500 rpm   |
| Transmission    | Five-speed manual   |
| Wheelbase       | 108 inches  |
| Height          | 64 inches   |
| Curb Weight     | 3,333 pounds  |
| Fuel Capacity   | 16 gallons  |
| Mileage         | City/highway 21/28  |

Included as standard equipment are power windows and door locks, an AM/FM sound system with both a CD changer and a clock.

As for safety, I'm told it has a collision-

safe Mazda Advance Impact-energy Distribution and Absorption System and has excellent scores in standard crash tests. It also has four-wheel anti-lock brakes and three-row side airbags.

I found the Mazda5 Touring very easy to handle and quick on acceleration. With a short 188-inch overall length and a mere 35-foot turning radius, the Touring responds nicely to quick turns and is very obliging on the road. When parking, it's a piece of cake. A Zoom-Zoom cake, that is.

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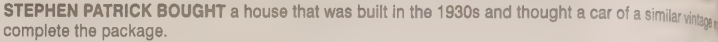
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# French tire maker treads onto U.S. tennis courts

BY MICHELLE KREBS  
MOTOR MATTERS

What do tires and tennis shoes have in common? Obviously, they both have rubber treads. They both are about \$100. Note executives with French tire maker Michelin. What's obvious is that Michelin thinks tennis shoes are one of the many products that are perfect to extend the brand.

At the end, Michelin and tennis specialist Babolat announced they would introduce in the U.S. a new line of tennis shoes. The shoes share technology and materials from Michelin's popular Pilot tires for planes. The Team All Court is the first in what will be a six-model line of high-performance tennis shoes sold in the United States.

Tennis star Andy Roddick, the U.S. Open Champion, has agreed to wear the shoes starting in January 2006; he has long used other Babolat shoes.

The shoes were launched in Europe in 2003, then in Japan, and other markets in 2004. They sell for \$99 and went on sale in March. Next March, the full line of Babolat tennis shoes will be available in the U.S. via a network of tennis and pro specialty retailers. At that time, five additional models of Babolat tennis shoes will be added, including two men's, two additional men's and one junior model.

The hook-up of the two French companies, both of which are more than 100 years old, is part of Michelin's effort to extend its brand beyond tires to vehicle ac-

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cessories, sports, work and leisure shoes and apparel, as well as products such as toys and gifts that play on Michelin's long heritage and culture, including Bibendum, the Michelin man.

A few years ago, Michelin created a new subsidiary, Michelin Lifestyle Unlimited, to explore brand extension. Michelin has ambitious intentions.

"We believe brand extension is worth \$110 billion worldwide," said Chris Dawes, managing director of Michelin Lifestyle, in a phone interview. Michelin expects a percent of that in the next five to six years.

But it's not just about the money; it's as much or more about the image. Dawes outlined three strategic objectives of Michelin Lifestyle: first, to have an impact (i.e. image), second, to introduce the "right product with the right quality with the right innovation in the right market at right time," and third, revenue enhancement (and attracting new customers).

"It has to be in that order," Dawes said. "If we came up with a really innovative, very niche product with very low volumes and low returns, but it is so innovative and has such a fantastic impact for us, we'd do it."

Vehicle accessories are obvious for Michelin. Already, Michelin has 35 to 40 categories of products, including tire gauges, floor mats, car jacks and snow chains, being sold in 17,000 out-



TENNIS CHAMPION ANDY RODDICK holds Michelin-Babolat tennis shoe he will wear starting next January.

lets, including Target, Wal-Mart and the like, worldwide.

Dawes says the next step for vehicle accessories will be to increase the depth in the markets already entered.

The work/sports/leisure market is the most promising, he said. "Our feeling is it may outstrip the vehicle accessories business," he said. In addition to working with Babolat on tennis shoes, Michelin has developed its own work safety boots sold through thou-

sands of outlets worldwide, including the U.K.'s giant Halford's chain. Michelin also is looking to develop hiking boots and shoes for other sports.

Shoes are a natural extension of the Michelin brand, Dawes said, because they have to do with mobility and can take advantage of Michelin tire research and development. For instance, in developing the Babolat tennis shoes, Michelin used its understanding of physical forces on tires to fo-

cus on the lateral movement of the rubber soles, as well as the fore and aft movement.

"That's a clear example of how we can use our advanced technology and enhance mobility," he said.

In the heritage and culture category, Michelin takes advantage of its more than 100 years as a company and its highly recognizable company symbol of the Bibendum, i.e. the Michelin man. Gifts and toys are part of that cat-

egory, but Dawes said he envisions a line of kitchen products, for instance, in the future. Indeed, Michelin has long extended its brand with the Michelin travel and restaurant guides.

The Michelin Lifestyle experiment will be a worthwhile one for others to watch. Many companies talk about brand extension these days. For some, it is like a rubber band stretching — and breaking. To reach Michelle Krebs, send e-mail to mickkreb@aol.com.

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The Blazer tracks straight there is no vibration. — Doug  
Doug: I have found rotas from mechanical problem various areas such as front and rear differentials, bearings, and 4x4 transfer. Start with removal of the drive transfer case to differentiate shaft for a test drive only. can help isolate the sound.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1993 Cadillac Eldorado. I recently had a new air conditioner compressor installed, along with a new filter and dryer. I picked up the car and the next morning the air conditioning did not work. I returned to the shop and found out a 10-amp fuse had blown. The same fuse again blew out the next day. The mechanic put a 15-amp fuse and again it blew out. The mechanic is at a loss. Do you have any suggestions? — Tonda

**Dear Tonda:** It is not unusual to have a defective new or rebuilt

compressor. Another possibility could be a power wire touching ground causing the short. The a/c compressor is electrically energized by a coil clutch design. A simple test at the clutch terminals would be a good place to start. The next step is to unplug the clutch connector and leave the a/c switched on. Drive the car for a couple of days. If the fuse does not blow out, the problem is in the a/c compressor. If the fuse does blow, the problem is in the wiring or something else in the circuit.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1993

GMC Typhoon with a turbocharged V6 engine. The problem is the computer fuse blows. I like to do my own work and need your advice. I replaced the computer and the fuse still blows. — Scott

**Dear Scott:** I suggest you sign up with Alldata DIY for all the information on your Typhoon, including wiring diagrams. It costs \$25 a year. Look at the wiring diagram and then disconnect all the sensors in that particular computer circuit. If the fuse still blows, there could be a shorted wire or the computer may be shorted internally. Go to www.all-


data.com, the DIY section.

**Dear Doctor:** I purchased a 2001 VW Jetta with 21,000 miles. Six months after the purchase, the "check engine" light came on and the car seemed to have reduced power. I took it to the dealer and the "check engine" light went out. They checked the car and found no malfunctions. I talked with some friends that own other car brands and they said the "check engine" light has come on their cars too — and their dealers didn't find any problems. — Norman

**Dear Norman:** The computers

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# Kawasaki midsize cruiser: Vulcan 1600 Nomad

BY ARV VOSS  
MOTOR MATTERS

There are always those who will argue that "size doesn't matter," or that "bigger is better." It's really all a matter of individual perspective.

In the case of Kawasaki's Vulcan 1600 Nomad metric cruiser — it's bigger than the old 1500 Nomad and delivers more power and torque, but it's smaller than the gargantuan Vulcan 2000, which for those whose in-seams are challenged, can be a chore just to get off the side stand. Could it be then, that the 1600 Nomad, in the midsize range, might be "just right," as in the "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" classic children's tale?

We happen to think so. The Vulcan 2000 is a superb freeway cruiser, but lacks some maneuverability in slow, tight twists. The 1500 Nomad, on the other hand, could occasionally use a little more strength when you twist the throttle.

The Vulcan 1600 Nomad displays more than a little retrospective in its styling. Let's call it Kawasaki's answer to Harley's Road King Classic for the sake of positioning. The 1600 Nomad weighs in dry at 772 pounds (62 pounds more than the Road King). Both have windshields, saddle bags (the Nomad features hard

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clamshell bags), floorboards (boards replace passenger pegs), rocker shifter, plush seat and passenger pillion with the Nomad providing a standard backrest, split side dual exhaust, plus chrome crash guards fore and aft.

Power for the 1600 Nomad comes from a liquid-cooled, 1552cc (up from 1470cc), four-stroke, SOHC, 6-valve V-twin, connected to a sequential five-speed transmission. The motor is fed by a Mitsubishi digital fuel injection system that features dual 36mm throttle bodies for smoother operation. There are larger engine mounts and a gear-driven counter-balancer that aids in handlebar and floorboard vibration. The motor's driving force reaches the rear wheel via a drive shaft. In addition to the increase in power, the Nomad 1600 also sports more chrome than the old 1500 version, along with greater passenger comfort amenities.

The offset of the large hydraulic front forks has been reduced from 20 to 15mm, lightening the big cruiser's steering feel, especially at lower speed maneuvering. The low-

slung bike has a pleasing neutral feel, but due to its overall mass, still requires a heightened level of concentration when executing tight, slow speed switchbacks with severe elevation changes. Dual discs handle braking up front and a single disc in the rear, and the rear suspension smooths out the ride quality via air adjustable twin shocks with four-way rebound damping. Tires are 18-inchers mounted on slotted disc alloy wheels.

My test Vulcan 1600 Nomad by Kawasaki was finished in a two-tone custom paint scheme — dark blue and silver metallic with gold and red separation stripes except for the saddlebags, which, if added, would contribute to overall continuity. The base price was set at \$12,999 while extras and dealer prep would bump the final out-the-door total to roughly \$13,500, depending upon purchase location.

### Summary

The Kawasaki Vulcan 1600 Nomad cruiser provides the look and flavor of a past era, but with the peace of mind offered by modern technology and improved reliability. Roll on the throttle, and the big bike accelerates quickly and smoothly, delivering a pleasing, but not offen-

sive V-twin rumble.

The ride quality is compliant without being too soft, though I did experience a noticeable front-end dive when braking. My test bike's rear brake pedal was set too high for optimum application, (but that's adjustable). The clutch is hydraulic for easy, non-tiring operation. Convenience items include self-canceling turn signals (which some other metric cruisers lack), a 5.3-gallon fuel tank offering an elongated, tapered, custom look, topped by a stylish chrome instrument binnacle housing an electronic speedometer and LED odometer with a separate LED trip meter display.

The locking clamshell hard bags are hinged at the bottom, opening from the top, and were it not for the inner liners, contents would be prone to spill out — my personal preference is top opening bags, but hey, if that's all there is to complain about, that's a good thing. The windshield is height adjustable using just a screwdriver — another plus.

Bottom line, the Vulcan 1600 Nomad is an ideal long-range cruiser for one or two.

### Specifications

Kawasaki 1600 Nomad Cruiser

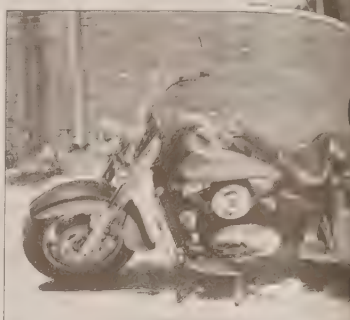
Base Price: \$12,999.  
Price as Tested: \$13,500.  
Engine type and size: Liquid-cooled 1552cc four-stroke, SOHC, 6-valve V-twin with dual throttle body, digital fuel injection.  
Transmission: Five-speed manual.

Drive train: Final drive — Shaft  
Suspension: Front — Dual 43mm hydraulic forks. Rear — Dual hydraulic air adjustable twin shocks with 4-way rebound damping.

Brakes: Front — Dual hydraulic discs / Rear — large single disc.

Tires: Bridgestone Exedora 150/80x16 front / 170/70x16 rear mounted on slotted disc alloy wheels.

Wheelbase: 57.5 in.  
Length overall: 84.5 in.  
Steering angle: 26.5 deg.  
Curb weight: 772 lb.  
Fuel capacity: 5.3 gal.  
Seat height: 28.5 in.



VULCAN 1600 NOMAD, above, and control, top

## WEEKLY SALES

### ALAMEDA

1522 9th St - \$590,000  
1532 9th St - \$769,000  
17 Applegate - \$1,050,000  
2001 Austin St - \$273,000  
129 Basinside Wy - \$950,000  
339 Broadway 107 - \$390,000  
1190 Brown St - \$580,000  
1214 Chestnut St - \$700,000  
2200 Clinton Av - \$490,000  
1419 Cottage St - \$700,000  
29 Courageous Ct - \$710,000  
1441 Eastshore Dr - \$899,000  
338 Hollister Av - \$273,000  
1016 Island Dr - \$746,000  
3103 La Cresta - \$578,000  
35 McDonnell Rd - \$739,000  
1708 Minturn St - \$611,000  
1809 St. Charles St - \$690,000  
502 Tideway Dr - \$1,250,000

### ALBANY

828 Curtis St - \$780,000  
935 Pomona - \$525,000  
795 Taft Av - \$601,000

### BERKELEY

2709 10th St A - \$765,000  
1208 Allston Wy - \$689,000  
1534 Ashby Av - \$550,000  
2200 Browning St - \$680,000  
1594 Capistrano Av - \$760,000  
1222 Carleton St - \$571,500  
1619 Cornell Av - \$535,000  
2081 Eunice St - \$856,500  
1526 Fairview St - \$800,000  
2012 Hearst Av A - \$655,000  
2326 Hilgard Av - \$690,000  
1164 Laurel St - \$1,500,000  
2 Panoramic 305 - \$476,000  
16 Robie Rd - \$1,516,000  
1417 Spruce St A - \$803,000  
84 Vicente Rd - \$1,325,000  
2923 Wheeler St - \$747,500

### EL CERRITO

748 Ashbury Av - \$665,000  
537 Clayton Av - \$505,000  
552 Colusa Av - \$595,000  
1255 Contra Costa - \$925,000  
541 Kearney St - \$702,000  
7519 Leviston Av - \$560,000  
836 Lexington Av - \$830,000

### EL SOBRANTE

5451 Cabrillo Sur - \$650,000  
4856 El Grande Pl - \$615,000  
5855 Marion Ct - \$530,000  
17 Olinda Ct - \$659,000  
5318 Ridgeview E9 - \$299,000

### EMERYVILLE

1121 40th St 4306 - \$400,000  
5 Admiral Fr F404 - \$285,000  
186 City Limits Cr - \$572,000  
3 Commodore Dr - \$360,000  
94 Emery Bay Dr - \$475,000

### KENSINGTON

443 Beloit Av - \$688,000  
416 Berkeley Park Bl - \$712,000  
400 Yale Av - \$720,000

### OAKLAND

2029 107th Av - \$470,000  
2401 107th Av - \$450,000  
2520 108th Av - \$394,000  
655 12th St 318 - \$460,000  
1515 14th Av 302 - \$429,000  
2546 14th Av - \$500,000  
2828 21st Av - \$530,000  
811 22nd St - \$520,000  
2604 23rd Av - \$376,000  
2238 24th Av - \$587,000  
2126 27th Av - \$500,000  
532 30th St 15 - \$375,000  
532 30th St - \$425,000  
1366 34th St - \$490,000  
973 39th St - \$595,000  
1416 50th Av - \$489,000  
1086 54th St - \$760,000  
2601 55th Av - \$645,000  
747 55th St - \$785,000  
875 57th St - \$725,000  
862 59th St - \$460,000  
151 60th Av - \$379,000  
673 60th St - \$490,000  
1490 66th Av - \$375,000  
1632 67th Av - \$500,000

1039 70th Av - \$250,000  
1650 70th Av - \$460,000  
1126 71st Av - \$395,000  
1006 75th Av - \$450,000  
2701 75th Av - \$265,000  
2844 76th Av - \$550,000  
2630 77th Av - \$400,000  
2754 79th Av - \$692,000  
1425 7th Av - \$615,000  
1908 81st Av - \$410,000  
2226 82nd Av - \$380,000  
1234 84th Av - \$430,000  
1028 85th Av - \$395,000  
2236 87th Av - \$500,000  
1518 90th Av - \$400,000  
1649 94th Av - \$485,000  
1684 Arrowhead - \$315,000  
7007 Arthur St - \$480,000  
1925 Asilomar Dr - \$1,000,000  
3724 Balfour Av - \$890,000  
4417 Bancroft Av - \$481,000  
3932 Bayo St - \$533,000  
9035 Burr St - \$617,000  
680 Capelli St - \$646,500  
1547 Chandler 100 - \$520,000  
6623 Chelton Dr - \$790,000  
4650 Congress Av - \$358,000  
460 Crescent St - \$337,000  
4100 Culver St - \$529,000  
3575 Davis St - \$363,000  
1130 East 11th St - \$355,000  
5743 East 16th St - \$450,000  
915 East 28th St - \$465,000  
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3755 Emerson Wy - \$700,000  
5545 Estates Dr - \$912,000  
55 Fairmount 313 - \$436,000  
112 Fairmount Av - \$625,000  
2556 Frances St - \$521,000  
2794 Frazier Av - \$613,000  
3921 Fruitvale Av - \$642,500  
48 Gleneden Av - \$875,500  
5544 Golden Gate - \$460,000  
10765 Golf Links Rd - \$725,000  
3768 Harrison St 202 - \$465,000  
2400 Havenscourt Bl - \$635,000  
9914 Heskett Rd - \$410,000  
5611 Holway St - \$410,000  
7210 Homewood Dr - \$528,000  
2424 Kingsland Av - \$520,000  
1 Lakeside Dr 1810 - \$720,000  
1 Lakeside Dr 406 - \$437,000  
3232 Laurel Av - \$450,000  
9808 Lawlor St - \$500,000  
295 Lenox Av 303 - \$380,000  
3709 Lily St - \$527,000  
7625 Lockwood St - \$550,000  
3951 Lyman Rd - \$730,000  
5937 MacCall St - \$590,000  
9744 Maddux Dr - \$410,000  
3060 Madeline St - \$620,000  
2834 Magnolia St - \$414,000  
5607 Merriewood - \$665,000  
3114 Minna Av - \$465,000  
2950 Morcom Av - \$485,000  
1901 Myrtle St - \$430,000  
567 Oakland Av 302 - \$305,000  
1957 Oakview Dr - \$859,500  
6649 Oakwood Dr - \$813,000  
9903 Olive St - \$430,000  
430 Panoramic Wy - \$815,500  
929 Panoramic Wy - \$795,000  
2418 Park Bl 1 - \$750,000  
459 Phelps St - \$425,000  
6650 Pine Needle Dr - \$800,000  
921 Pine St - \$300,000  
7121 Pinehaven Rd - \$900,000  
10415 Pippin St - \$350,000  
1866 Pleasant Valley - \$465,000  
2833 Regatta Dr - \$615,000  
2843 Regatta Dr - \$704,000  
2847 Regatta Dr - \$688,500  
2849 Regatta Dr - \$728,500  
6441 Regent St - \$877,000  
721 Rosal Av - \$855,000  
5268 Shafter Av - \$655,000  
6610 Shattuck Av - \$539,000  
26 Shawnee Ct - \$1,415,000  
8607 Skyline Bl - \$750,000  
942 Sunnyhills - \$935,000  
1436 Trestle Glen Rd - \$975,000  
4618 Tulip Av - \$560,000  
330 Vernon St 408 - \$395,000  
5448 Wadean Pl - \$417,000  
5311 Wentworth Av - \$495,000  
1 W. Emb'adero 247 - \$330,500  
5 W. Emb'adero 326 - \$376,000  
3 W. Emb'adero 344 - \$285,000  
3218 West St - \$565,000  
930 Wood St - \$515,000

### PIEDMONT

142 Sandringham - \$1,365,000  
29 Sierra Av - \$4,000,000

### RICHMOND

619 11th St - \$445,000  
1124 18th St - \$515,000  
516 22nd St - \$600,000  
422 30th St - \$520,000  
544 35th St - \$539,000  
1201 Brickyard 104 - \$555,000  
2000 Burbuck Av - \$425,000  
5541 Carlos Av - \$600,000  
614 Commodore Dr - \$555,000  
2729 Cutting Bl - \$300,000  
1936 Dunn Av - \$450,000  
2112 Esmond Av - \$349,000  
2117 Esmond Av - \$510,000  
5400 Esmond Av - \$490,000  
5007 Fray Av - \$525,000  
3147 Grey Hawk - \$630,000  
6349 Highland Av - \$524,000  
3108 Humphrey - \$455,000  
6514 Kensington - \$175,000  
876 Lassen St - \$425,000  
1310 Mallard Dr - \$795,000  
91 Marina Lakes 90 - \$330,000  
3436 May Rd - \$553,000  
3427 Maywood Dr - \$535,000  
1205 Melville Sq 311 - \$400,000  
3748 Morningside Dr - \$650,000  
2534 Moyers Rd - \$545,000  
3311 Park Ridge - \$897,500  
3315 Park Ridge - \$950,000  
3521 Park Ridge - \$905,000  
516 Payne Dr - \$350,000  
806 Poppy Ct - \$600,000  
2031 Rheem Av - \$250,000  
5354 Saddleback Ct - \$775,000  
4901 Santa Rita Rd - \$660,000  
203 Seaview Dr - \$879,500  
250 South 12th St - \$375,000  
270 South 18th St - \$432,000  
325 South 37th St - \$470,000  
440 South Marina - \$370,000  
5461 Tandem Ln - \$720,000  
931 View Dr - \$480,000  
1910 Visalia Av - \$418,000

### SAN LEANDRO

1617 167th Av - \$338,000  
1465 168th Av - \$550,000  
817 Arguello Dr - \$580,500  
653 Black Pine Dr - \$650,000  
1242 Breckenridge - \$800,000  
15603 Calgary St - \$498,000  
1375 Chapel Av - \$550,000  
2353 Cheshire Pl - \$557,000  
16732 Cowell St - \$675,000  
14994 Crosby St - \$571,000  
782 Dolores Av - \$780,000  
1352 Dorothy Av - \$572,000  
14101 E. 14th 304 - \$400,000  
1430 East Juana - \$745,500  
15233 Elvina Dr - \$570,000  
2306 Fairway Dr - \$355,000  
2507 Galleon Pl - \$505,000  
1554 Glen Dr - \$599,000  
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1291 Kelly Av - \$500,000  
431 Lewis Av - \$570,000  
1217 Minerva St - \$579,000  
1525 Mono Av - \$625,000  
1776 Nelson St - \$450,000  
935 Oakes Bl - \$665,000  
14410 Outrigger Dr - \$423,000  
2320 Overlook Ct - \$810,000  
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### By the numbers

#### ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 19  
LOWEST PRICE: \$273,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,250,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$700,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$683,579

#### ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$525,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$780,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$601,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$635,333

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# Expectations differ for those who choose sport bikes and cruisers

**BY ANNEMARIE MANNION**  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**CHICAGO** — A relaxed, comfortable ride on his motorcycle is not what Harvey's style. At least not yet. Though he envisions someday riding the slower-paced ride of a cruiser, the 37-year-old from Melrose Park, Ill., is not yet ready to forsake the speed of his Suzuki GSX-R1000. "The main thing I like is the speed I get from it. I like having the wind at my face and that much raw power on my fingertips," he said. Sport bike enthusiasts such as Harvey are enthralled with the bikes' horsepower and handling.

The cruiser, however, is the more popular bike. According to dealers, that may be because the image of a Harley-

Davidson rider is so ingrained in the public's mind.

"When people get their Harley-Davidson, they're fulfilling a lifestyle," said Mitch Fields, owner of Arlington Motor Sports in Arlington Heights, who sells used Harleys. That's when you get your leathers and you start going to rallies."

Their popularity also may be due to the support network cruiser riders have. John Davids, an environmental cleanup engineer from Elgin, said he enjoys spending his weekends at rallies or meeting other riders at the restaurants that cater to cruisers.

Sport bikes also have their own ways of interacting. They have Web sites and hang out at racetracks such as Blackhawk Farms Raceway in Rockton, Ill., and Elkhart Lake's Road

America in Wisconsin. "They go to race tracks and have track days," said Fields.

On either bike, "it's the camaraderie. You're always meeting new friends," he said.

The Motorcycle Industry Council reports that cruisers account for roughly 50 percent of on-highway motorcycle sales. Sport bikes make up approximately 25 percent. The rest are traditional and touring bikes.

Whatever style, motorcycle sales in general are on the rise. According to the council, cruiser sales increased 80 percent between 1999 and 2004. Sales of sport bikes went up 89 percent in the period.

"The sport bike is an adrenaline rush," said Joe "Turbo" Shadich, owner of DGY Motorsports in Down-

ers Grove. "Sport bikes are a good commuter bike."

He said sales at his dealership are about 50/50 sports and cruisers. The sport bikes range from about \$8,000 to \$11,000; the cruiser goes from about \$7,000 for a smaller one to \$14,500 for the largest.

Fields also sells pre-owned bikes. A 600-cc sport bike that is 1 to 3 years old sells for \$5,000 to \$6,000; a cruiser of that vintage is priced between \$6,500 and \$7,500. He said he sells 1,000 cycles a year and noted that cruisers account for about 60 percent of his business and sport bikes 40 percent.

"It's a different type of image," said Fields. "They want to push the edge, the speed, the technology."

Count Moses Elias, 25, Chicago,

as one of those who wants to push the edge. He owns a Honda CBR600F4i and spends his free time taking a spin on country roads.

"Cruisers and sport bikes don't ride together too often. The sport bikes go too fast," said Davids.

The Nu World Ryders, a club with 175 members, is trying to bridge that gap.

"There is a prejudice between the cruiser and sport bike," said Ray Dotson, a barber from Maywood who also is chief executive of the group. "I want to break down that wall."

Harvey, also a member of Nu World Ryders, said he has no problem riding with any sort of motorcycle.

He'd simply like to see cyclists, whether on cruisers or sports, ride

safely. The group sponsors seminars to teach new riders how to be accident-free.

Novices, Harvey said, need these safety tips.

"Some people don't respect the bike," said Harvey. "They think, 'Oh, I've got all this power. Let me see what I can do with it.'"

While the speed of his sport bike gives him a thrill, Harvey said there will be a day when he will want a more relaxed ride.

"Those 'cruisers' are bikes that people are looking to be seen on," said Harvey. "They're big. They're expensive, and they have great color schemes."

"I'm 37 now. But there will be a stage when I want a chopper," he said.



**MOSES ELIAS**, shown in August 2005, in Chicago, Ill., says he prefers to ride sport-type motorcycles over cruiser-style bikes.



**RAY DOTSON**, CEO of the Nu World Ryders Motorcycle Club poses outside the clubhouse in Maywood, Ill., in June 2005.

## With Dodge Ram Mega Cab, size matters

**BY CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III**  
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

The battle of the pickups, once again takes the lead in one measurement that counts the most: Which is the biggest.

For 2006, Dodge introduces the Mega Cab, a family-size of the heavy-duty Ram chassis that Dodge claims is the largest pickup cab ever.

It's not really the largest pickup cab, however. International truck maker, rolled out its own heavy-duty pickup earlier this year. Built on the chassis of one of the company's tractor-trailer cabs, the F-Series Super Duty is billed as "the largest pickup on the market."

With its 9-foot-tall cab that can hold up to five people in comfort, the Dodge Ram Mega Cab. But the limited-production model at the company's plant near Detroit, and it won't be widely available like the Ram Mega Cab. Dodge has been trying its best to hold the top spot in size for light- and heavy-duty pick-

ups for some time now, probably the best gimmick the brand has going for it as it tries to raise its current 18 percent market share against the top-selling Ford and General Motors brands.

When the newest generation of the Ram 1500 debuted four years ago, it continued to be the largest of the light-duty pickups, growing to the point where it was nearly as large as the heavy-duty trucks from Ford and Chevrolet/GMC.

Then, of course, when the new heavy-duty Dodge pickups made their debut three years ago, they grew even larger, eclipsing the Ford F-250/350 and Chevy/GMC 2500 and 3500 models.

When the latest Rams came to market, however, there was one puzzling deficiency: no crew-cab model with a cabin as roomy as those of the crew-cab versions of the Ford and Chevy/GMC models.

Now Dodge has fixed that with the Mega Cab. It's much larger than the crew cabs offered by Chevrolet/GMC, Ford, Toyota and Nissan.

The new Mega Cab has doors even bigger than the competition's

— so large, in fact, that during a demonstration at the recent media introduction of this vehicle, Dodge officials easily loaded the box of a 46-inch high-definition TV into the back seat through the doors, which open to a nearly 90-degree angle.

Dodge again has gone one-up on the competition, betting that cab size really is important to pickup buyers. With the Ram Mega Cab, Dodge has created the ultimate version of a vehicle whose purpose has changed dramatically over the past decade from functional work machine to stylish personal transportation.

Dodge broke the traditional pickup mold with the bold new design of the 1994 Ram, a vehicle that brought Dodge from a position of obscurity to a role of prominence, if not dominance, in the world of light trucks.

Although somewhat controversial because of its bold and unique design, the 1994 Ram became a superstar for Dodge.

Those who loved the new design embraced it rather quickly, as

the company's light truck sales jumped from 70,000 units in 1993 to more than 200,000 in '94. With the redesign of the 1500 for 2002 and the Heavy Duty series for 2003, and the addition of the 345-horsepower 5.7-liter Hemi V-8 engine to the entire Ram line, those sales figures continue to grow.

And now, with the Mega Cab in the lineup, Dodge has more to brag about for 2006. Still, the brand has a long way to go to catch up with the more than 2.2 million full-size pickups that GM and Ford sell during an average year — a figure that has doubled over the past 10 years.

As long as rising fuel costs don't put a major kink in big-pickup sales, the company can expect to do well with the Mega Cab.

Rather than coming from down on the farm, today's big-pickup buyer is more likely to be a suburbanite who uses the vehicle primarily for commuting to work.

It is for this reason that pickups with back seats now far out-sell those with only a front seat; less than a decade ago it was

hard to find pickups with back seats at all. In 1995, more than 70 percent of full-size truck sales were regular cab models (those with no back seats).

The Quad Cab, which until now had been the largest Ram version, has rear doors that are about three inches shorter than a full-size door.

But the Mega Cab model, built on an extended Ram 2500 chassis, has both the longest and largest cab on the market, with 145.2 cubic feet of interior space. It's 111.1 inches long, and even has 7.6 cubic feet of cargo space behind the rear seat. The 2005 Honda Accord sedan, by comparison, has an interior volume of just 117 cubic feet, which includes the trunk.

Dodge says the Mega Cab also has the largest interior cargo volume of any pickup at 71 cubic feet, the largest flat-floor load area at 24.9 square feet, the most second-row leg room at 44.2 inches, the largest rear-door opening at 34.5 inches wide and 35.5 inches high, and the largest rear-door opening angle at 85 degrees.

The truck has enough room for six adults as well as luggage in the cab.

The back seat has a 60/40 split, so it can be folded down to

accommodate more cargo and fewer passengers. The rear seat-backs also recline for comfort.

The Mega Cab is built on the frame of the 160.5-inch wheelbase Ram 2500 long box model, but instead of the 8-foot bed of the 2500 extended-cab model, the Mega Cab's bed is 6 feet 3 inches long.

The truck comes in two trim levels, base SLT and up-level Laramie, and in three series: 1500, 2500 and 3500.

Two engines are offered. The 1500 models come with the 345-horsepower, 5.7-liter Hemi V8 engine offered in other Ram models; that engine also is standard in the 2500 version. The 3500 model comes with the 5.9-liter high-output Cummins Turbo Diesel, rated at 325 horsepower and 610 foot-pounds of torque. That engine is optional in the 2500 model, but not available in the 1500.

All three versions are available with rear- or four-wheel drive. A five-speed automatic transmission is standard with the Hemi V8, while the diesel models get a six-speed manual gearbox, and a six-speed automatic is optional.

The Mega Cab is built at Chrysler Group's Saltillo, Mexico, assembly plant, and will begin arriving at dealerships in late September.

## Other than Toyota, automakers taking a wait-and-see attitude toward hybrids

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**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** — Toyota's bold prediction that it would sell 100,000 hybrid vehicles annually in the United States by early 2008 has been met with a shrug. "We'll see how it goes" is the rest of the industry.

At a forum on future engines at the Detroit conference here Friday, the Big Three domestic automakers and Honda took the cautious approach.

Honda sells hybrids now and offers plans to roll out gas/electric models over the next few years, but none would venture a projection.

GM says it will add three models in 2006, giving it five, and will launch a second generation of the technology on the road by then. "We won't be our last (hybrid

model)," said Mary Ann Wright, director of Ford's fuel-cell program. "But we're not in a race with Toyota."

Even Honda, the first to offer a hybrid in the United States with the 2000 Insight, has not projected beyond the 50,000 hybrids it expects to sell this year because of uncertainty over demand.

"We have to see what the market is, so we really take it one step at a time," said John German, American Honda's manager of environmental and energy analyses.

Besides the Insight, Honda has hybrid versions of the Accord and Civic but hasn't announced others. "We literally haven't made up our minds about what our next hybrid will be," German said.

What does Toyota see the other don't do? For one, it has received a public edict from the top. Toyota Motor Corp. President Katsuaki

Watanabe recently set a goal of selling 1 million hybrids globally by early next decade, with 600,000 expected to be sold in the United States, its largest market.

Hybrid vehicles are powered by gasoline and electricity; the engine switches between the two, thus improving mileage and reducing emissions.

Toyota announced Wednesday that it will introduce 10 hybrids over the next six or seven years. "We'll be in all segments" to reach the 600,000-vehicle goal, about 25 percent of Toyota's expected sales volume, said Dave Hermance, Toyota's executive environmental engineer.

J.D. Power and Associates is not so sure. The research organization sees hybrid sales industrywide leveling off at around 650,000 vehicles per year by 2012.

The reason? Cost, says Anthony

Pratt, J.D. Power's senior manager of global powertrain research.

Power says the gas/electrics cost more, about \$2,300 to \$11,000 more than gasoline-powered cars. Moreover, the Big Three and Honda are exploring more efficient gas engines, diesels and even natural gas vehicles that will be alternatives by then.

But costs are coming down as Toyota gains experience with the technology, said Hermance, who insists that talk that Toyota sells its hybrids at a loss is inaccurate.

Hermance also says the electric motors, software and batteries it develops for hybrids can transfer to hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles, which are considered the vehicle of the future.

Ford has said it will limit sales of its hybrid models to about 20,000 this year partly because it can't get

more batteries and other components. Hermance says that is not an issue for Toyota, which develops the hardware and software in-house and gets its batteries from a joint venture with Panasonic.

Though the other manufacturers are cautious about hybrids, they aren't blind to their possibilities. They are designing vehicles so they can easily add the necessary hardware, particularly the bulky battery packs, if demand warrants.

Ford, for example, had to sacrifice some luggage space in converting the Escape sport-utility to a hybrid model, and the Honda Accord Hybrid gave up its spare tire.

The automakers, including GM and Chrysler, don't want such tradeoffs.

Wright said future Fords would be better able to integrate hybrid systems.

General Motors will introduce

versions of the Saturn Vue SUV and Chevrolet Malibu sedan with limited hybrid systems over the next two years and full hybrid versions of the Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon in late 2007. The Chrysler Group is collaborating with GM and will use its system in the Dodge Durango in 2008.

GM and Chrysler say they are putting full hybrid systems on vehicles where they save the most fuel.

Pratt says it's hard to predict whether buyers will pay the additional cost on a large SUV, a vehicle most buyers choose because of hauling or towing capability. "That remains to be seen. People tend to buy a vehicle that suits their lifestyle and shop within that segment," he said. "They're going into uncharted waters with those vehicles."

## The Palo Alto British Car Meet Sept. 10 - 11

**PAULO ALTO BRITISH CAR MEET**

**PAULO ALTO** — The Palo Alto British Car Meet is one of the most popular British automotive lawn events in California. Over 500 classic and thoroughly loved British cars are once again gathered to grace the field at El Camino Park (across from Stanford Center) for the 25th Annual British Car Show.

**Sunday car show: Sunday,**

**Sept. 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at El Camino Park**

Don't have a show car? Don't worry. Daily drivers, vintage racers, street rods & works-in-progress are as welcome as Concours quality restorations. British food, jazz, toys and People's Choice Awards in six classes. There will be no preregistration and all entrants will receive a commemorative gift. Cars will be

placed on the field starting at about 9 a.m. and the fun goes on all day. The registration fee is \$25 per car at the gate. Spectators attend for free.

**Swap Meet: Saturday, Sept. 10, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. at El Camino Park**

A free swap meet for British car owners will be provided by O'Connor Classics Autos in the car park outside their shop at 2569 Scott Blvd. in Santa Clara. For

the Bayshore Freeway (101), take Montague south, turn left at Scott, the very first cross street and follow it around to the 2500 block, look for the industrial complex to the left. The meet will go from 7 - 11 a.m. This will give people the chance to do both the swap meet and the tour.

**Tour to the Sea: Saturday, Sept. 10, El Camino Park**

The British Car Meet Tour to

the Sea starts at El Camino Park in Palo Alto. This is the same place as the Sunday Car Show. This is a no-cost option for people who like to drive their cars as well as show them. Cars will be leaving between 9 and 11 a.m. A map will be provided. The tour ends at Cameron's Pub in Half Moon Bay.

**Directions to El Camino Park**

El Camino Park is located on the El Camino, just north of University Avenue, opposite Stanford Center.

From 101 take University Av-

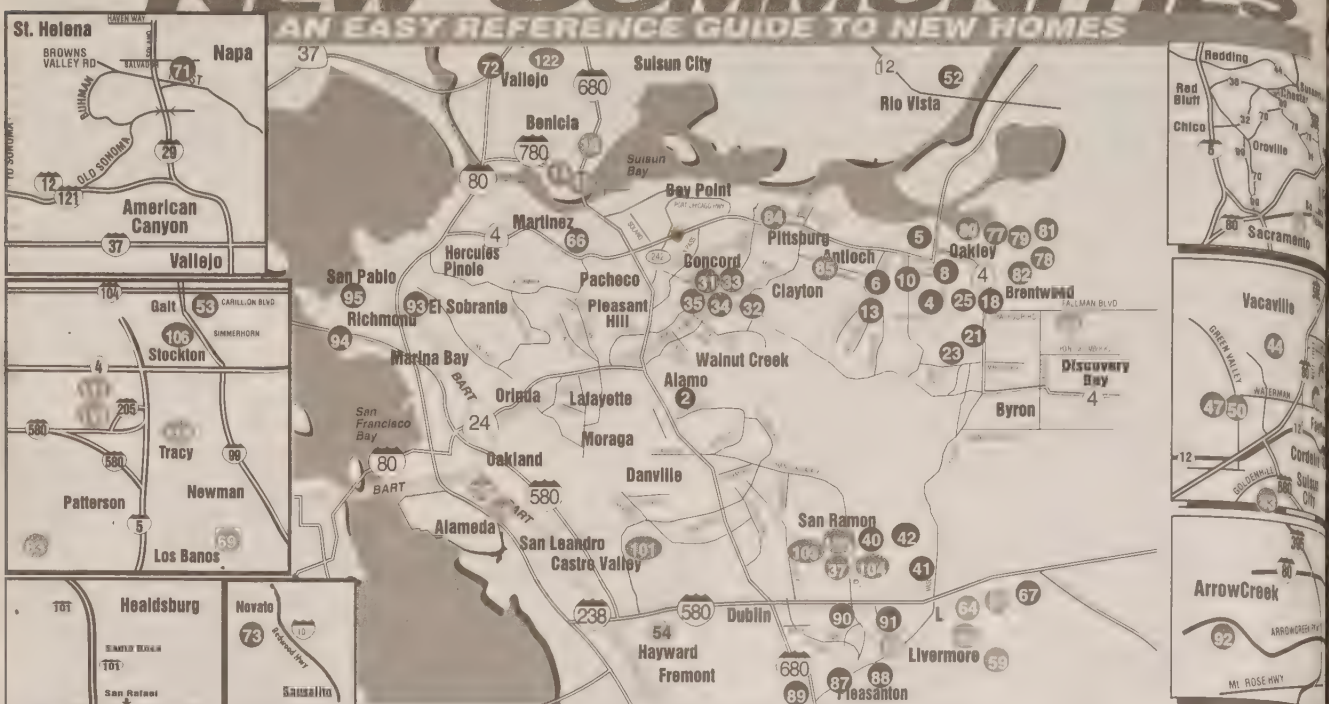
enue west, go under the Alma Street overpass and turn right onto the El Camino Real.

From 280, take the Sandhill Road exit east and turn right onto the El Camino, stay to the right to the University Avenue exit, turn left at the overpass, then left again back onto the El Camino heading north.

Do not park trailers in the Stanford Center parking lot. Trailer parking will be available on-site on the south field baseball diamond.

Call for information at 310-392-6605 or email [reibuschi@earthlink.net](mailto:reibuschi@earthlink.net).





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 From the mid \$500,000s. Located in Antioch, these homes feature four floor plans ranging in size from 1,600 square feet to 2,541 square feet. Plans offer up to 5 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms with a bonus room, open floor plan, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and additional features. Open house on Saturday, September 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 925-262-0121 for more information.

**10 Baywoods**  
 From \$270,000. Preview these homes this weekend. These new homes are located in the first phase of a new development. The homes feature 2,000 - 3,000 sq. ft. of living space, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a bonus room. Open house on Saturday, September 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 925-262-0121 for more information.

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 From the low \$500,000s. Estate size lots with 5 and 6 BR, up to 3,000 sq. ft. with 3 car garages and optional swimming pools, studies, and bonus rooms. Water and hills views. Call 925-262-0121 for more information.

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 From the mid \$500,000s. One of four villages located in this unique townhome and condominium community featuring a stunning collection of homes in a fabulous location. The Terraced Courtyard architecture features the roofs and stucco accents, and amenities include a resort-style pool and spa, clubhouse with fitness center, secure buildings and enclosed parking. Open house on Saturday, September 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 925-262-0121 for more information.

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 From the mid \$600,000s. Located in Fairfield, Parkview offers the finest in modern living with a gourmet kitchen, Spacious interior living areas from approximately 2,168 square feet to 2,656 square feet, including master bedrooms, master bedrooms, family room, fireplace, nice wood volume ceilings, handcrafted ceramic tile floor, and more. Call 925-262-0121 for more information.

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**54 Garin Crest**  
 From the upper \$400,000s. Summer Lake is a new master-planned community in Oakley and the latest in "destination living" with resort-like amenities. Marbella and Savilla, by Shaw Homes, are two of four distinctly different neighborhoods. Open house on Saturday, September 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 925-262-0121 for more information.

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 From the low \$1,000,000s. One and two story homes, 1,800 to 2,100 sq. ft. with 3-4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. Open house on Saturday, September 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 925-262-0121 for more information.

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 From the mid \$500,000s. A collection of contemporary condominiums and flats by Signature Properties located on a block from Oakland's waterfront. Open house on Saturday, September 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 925-262-0121 for more information.

**OAKLEY**  
**76 Summer Lake**  
 From the upper \$400,000s. Summer Lake is a new master-planned community in Oakley and the latest in "destination living" with resort-like amenities. Marbella and Savilla, by Shaw Homes, are two of four distinctly different neighborhoods. Open house on Saturday, September 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 925-262-0121 for more information.

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# America's loss is Germany's gain

BY MICHELLE KREBS

MOTOR MATTERS

Dieter Zetsche, CEO of the Chrysler Group in Detroit, will return to his homeland of Germany to become chief executive of all DaimlerChrysler. On Jan. 1, 2006, Zetsche replaces the controversial Juergen Schrempp, who is in charge of Daimler-Benz AG and its historic acquisition of Chrysler Corp. in 1998.

It will be a sad day for Detroiters as everyone around the city knows him despite his formal "Dr. Zetsche" title. He has become one of the most popular auto executives in Detroit and one of the great leaders in American industry.

No one would have ever dreamed that would be the case when he arrived on the scene five years ago. The merger between Chrysler and Daimler-Benz, the German parent company of Mercedes-Benz and Freightliner, was his second year. (It later became the second year of Chrysler's merger with it.) Financial results and morale at Chrysler were dismal, and Las Vegas billionaire Kirk Kerkorian was suing.

James Holden, a long-time sales executive at Chrysler who had been promoted to the CEO position after the merger, was abruptly ousted, and a team of Germans was dispatched to the U.S. to clean things up. The move made it appear that Americans were incompetent and the Germans superior.

Against that backdrop, Dieter Zetsche (pronounced ZEE-tser) was named CEO of Chrysler. He brought with him fellow German Wolfgang Bernhard, earlier this year, abruptly left DaimlerChrysler in Germany after a political showdown and now is attempting a turnaround at Volkswagen.)

Shortly after his arrival, the personable and charismatic Zetsche, famous for his bald head and thick mustache, was winning over Chrysler employees and Detroiters in general. While Bernhard had the bad cop whipping them into line, Zetsche joined them in the lunchroom to discuss what was on their minds.

Inside headquarters, he became a public face for Chrysler, appearing in ads, playing the show during auto show introductions and being the ambassador to the community. In fact, it was

## SHE'S FREEWHEELING

Zetsche who this year launched a campaign to teach Americans the words to their own national anthem. Detroit became his town, and the U.S., his country.

Nor did Zetsche shy away from the press. He seemed to enjoy nothing more than a spirited interview with a knowledgeable journalist. During press days at the Detroit auto show, Zetsche could be found behind the bar serving beer to journalists and guests at The Firehouse, a real Detroit firehouse across from the convention center that DaimlerChrysler converts to a bar for auto show entertaining. In stark contrast, native son Bill Ford runs from the press and hides from the public. I could not imagine having a beer with Bill Ford, much less being served one by him.

Who can argue with the results? Zetsche made the painful but necessary decisions to slash costs and close factories. But he also recognized great products were the other side of the equation. Under his watch, Chrysler rolled out some of the industry's hottest new models, including the Chrysler 300, which won the North American Car of the Year, along with possibly more awards than any vehicle in Chrysler history, the

Dodge Magnum, and now the Dodge Charger. In addition, Hemi became a household word. (Hemi is short for hemispherical engine.)

Chrysler's financial turnaround may have saved DaimlerChrysler. Chrysler, which had once been the burden in the organization, is now carrying the load as Mercedes-Benz flounders.

Zetsche, himself, has won numerous awards for his industry leadership — leadership that will be needed when he returns to Germany, where he has a five-year contract as CEO.

Schrempp, in the meantime, came under increasingly bitter attacks by shareholders who were angry about the cost of the merger and the losses at Mercedes-Benz — the first in more than a decade — due largely to quality problems leading to the biggest recall in Mercedes' history, as well as the failure of the Smart brand. Indeed, the announcement that Zetsche would take over all of DaimlerChrysler caused the stock price to rise.

Zetsche leaves Chrysler in able North American hands, as he always promised to do. Tom LaSorda is promoted to CEO from COO and Eric Ridenour, R&D chief, replaces LaSorda.

Nonetheless, Detroiters will miss Dieter.

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**DURING PRESS DAYS** at the Detroit auto show, Zetsche could be found behind the bar serving beer to journalists and guests at The Firehouse.

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(Source: USA Today)

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Homets drill nine 3-pointers to outlast El Cerrito in an ACCAL matchup

By Scott Strain

Live by the '3' or die by the '3' — and Alameda lived. The Homets (17-9, 4th in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) became 3-point shots involving seven by sophomores guard Kevon Calandri, and went down to El Cerrito 79-71 Tuesday night at the Homets Nest in Alameda.

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exorcising 81-56 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit ragged against El Cerrito, which it had defeated 57-54 in El Cerrito on Jan. 17. The situation on the other hand, had trounced El Cerrito 60-33 on Tuesday, shutting out the Jets 18-0 in the first quarter.

"Personally, I wanted it more because we lost to Berkeley," Calandri said. "I thought we were just as good as Berkeley, so I took that (loss) out here tonight."

With Calandri firing in four 3-pointers in the first half, the Homets had a 14-13 lead in the half. Alameda's coach (father) had five of her 13 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers. The game swung permanently away from El Cerrito in the first few moments of the third quarter.

ter, Nicole Catania stole the ball from Analise McGrew underneath the Alameda basket and scored 14-13. The Gauchos turned the possession immediately after McGrew's shot. McGrew's shot was blocked by 7-05 left in the paint, and already had turned the ball over four times. The visitors never got back into it. Alameda extended the lead to 60-49 with eight seconds left in the third quarter, and the visitors, their last game evaporating, were forced to retreat perimeter to get back into the game.

"I thought it was our basket on defense," McGrew said about the effort against El Cerrito. "I (one effort) wasn't there against Berkeley. I thought we held back against Berkeley; we didn't do that tonight."

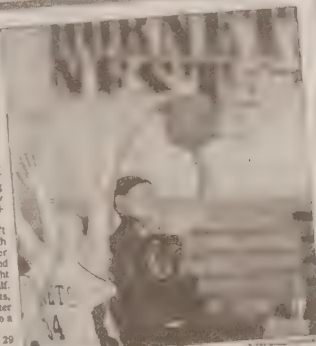
The key to Calandri's success was ball movement; the Gauchos

simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough to challenge her. When she got the ball, she was open. She had the time to plant, set and shoot.

"It was a hard job of coaching," El Cerrito coach Ron Williams said. "That's it. I'm serious. Our substitution patterns were wrong and didn't work. Those first few moments of the third quarter didn't help either."

And when Calandri couldn't do it, she had more than enough help. Catania scored six of her 10 points in the third quarter and Christina Perricone had all eight of her points in the second half. Kuntari Willis had 12 points, including six in the first quarter when the two teams battled to a 18-19 tie.

Calandri finished with 29 points to lead all scorers. McGrew had 23 points to lead El Cerrito and Jordan McCormick had 14.



EL CERRITO HIGH'S Analise McGrew, right, gets a rebound over Alameda's Shahdia Grasmann-Raid in their ACCAL game.

### ACCAL NOTEBOOK

#### Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Molina

After a heart-pounding week to end the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League boys' soccer season, league champion Richmond High School is gearing up to face its first opponent tomorrow in the second round of North Coast Section 1A play.

At the start of the week, the Oilers, the No. 1 seed after last season's victory, are set to



### BSAL NOTEBOOK

#### Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain

The Salesian High School boys' soccer team had two Bay Area Athletic League matches canceled before the season, and they may have lost the league's North Coast Section berth. Salesian finished the league season with a 5-4 record, fifth in the BSAL. The conference's canceled matches might have

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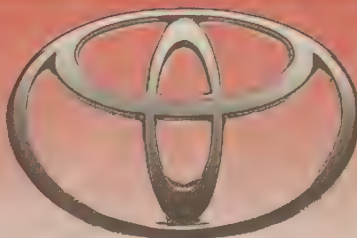
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# Shopping Plus

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## Deep blue home

BY NICK HARDER

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

**SANTA ANA** — There are three things that strike a visitor to Pepe and Diane Serna's home on Balboa Island.

They love bright colors. Pepe's face is very familiar, from his many years as a TV and movie actor.

They are still very much in love after 35 years of marriage.

You don't even have to enter their home to know the couple love bright colors. Two months ago they had the exterior painted what Pepe calls "electric cobalt blue," with turquoise trim. The bright colors, in a county with entire housing tracts rendered in tame pastels, has been known to bring passing traffic to a screeching halt.

When they bought the Balboa house eight years ago as a weekend getaway, "it was just a box with green linoleum," Pepe recalled. But it fit their needs, and was near relatives in Orange County.

"When we first bought the house, we had the outside painted white," Pepe said.

"But something happened in the painting and it was never a good white," Diane recalled with a shudder. "I never liked it."

So they finally decided to paint the exterior a color they both loved.

Why such a bright color? "I love all the primary colors," Diane said. "Shocking pink, reds, blues, yellows, they're all my favorites. And, we began to think, 'Why not paint it a color we want?' So many people think they have to paint their homes a beige or something like that."

"It's surprising to me that people here don't appreciate color or they're afraid of color," she said. "It's like they have to have permission to paint their door red. The thing is, if one person paints their door red, it lets others feel better about it and some of them paint their doors red."

While Diane's statement is more of a metaphor, Balboa Island is one place in Orange County where you'll find a few doors painted red or another bright color not associated with the usual vanilla and Mediterranean pink.

What do neighbors and island visitors think of the Sernas' home?

"A lot of people come by and they either love it or they hate it," Diane said. "About 75 percent of the people love it," Pepe said.

The inside of the Sernas' home is almost as colorful as the outside. Most of the walls and ceiling inside are painted a high-gloss pure white. There is also a multitude of religious crosses in many styles. Some are ornate, some plain, some are one color, some have designs. All re-

fect Pepe's Hispanic heritage. Many of the crosses are painted in bright colors that stand out against the pure white walls.

Other areas inside resonate with color. A hallway wears shades of hot pink, a patio sports orange and the kitchen is a cheery yellow.

A two-story-high living room accommodates some of the Sernas' large artwork. There are colorful banana trees sculpted from a mix of materials, a huge and brightly colored parrot that sits in a vertical circle hanging from the ceiling, and large paintings Pepe has done. He was recently commissioned by the Los Angeles Annenberg Metropolitan Project and the Mark Taper Foundation to paint an inspirational canvas on the subject of reading. It was turned into a poster and given to students in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Diane noted that in many countries in the world homes are painted bright colors.

"Italy, Greece, Mexico ... If you see National Geographic (magazine) there are so many homes with bright colors," she said.

This love of bright colors seems to overflow and gives each a bright outlook on life. Watch them stroll down a street in Balboa and it looks like they've just married.

Pepe was born in Corpus Christi, Diane in Detroit. They met March 19, 1969, and were married on Christmas Eve a year later.

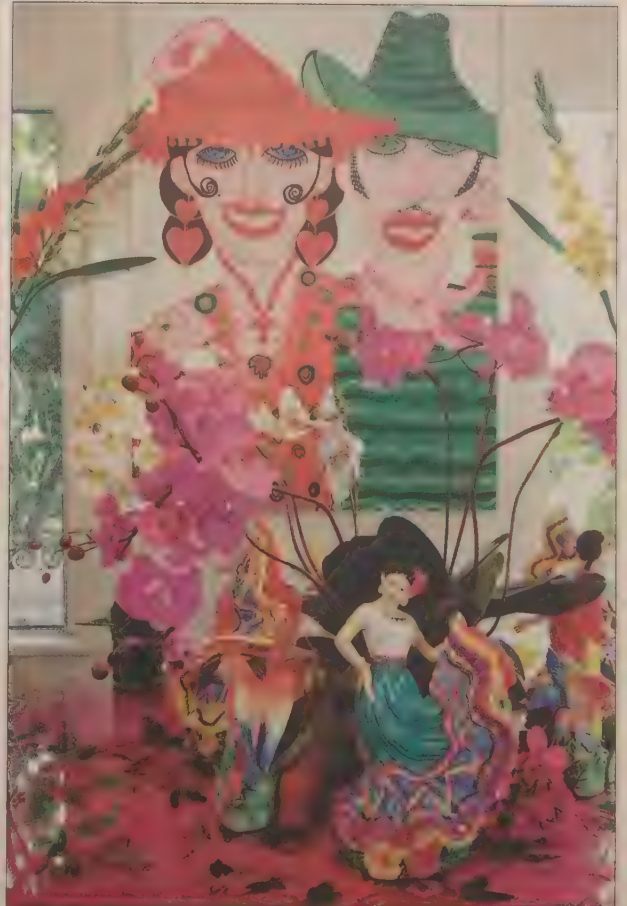
Pepe has appeared in more than 100 feature films and 300 television shows. Among his best-known performances was a role in the movie "Scarface" with Al Pacino. Other films include "The Rookie" with Clint Eastwood, "American Me" with Edward James Olmos, "Silverado" with Kevin Costner, and the science fiction film "Buckaroo Banzai." The actor has also played Jennifer Lopez's father in two CBS series, "Second Chances" and "Hotel Malibu."

"In the 36 years we've been together, we've only been apart for five days," Pepe said. "Even when I go on location to make a film, she goes with me or I don't do it."

As he ponders all this, Serna sits on the small patio in front of his home, the electric cobalt blue house in back of him, Diane sitting next to him. He is dressed in a bright blue shirt with many accent colors. Diane has on a traditional Mexican dress of many colors.

"I just don't see why more people don't take a chance with colors," she said. "It would free them up."

"She sure created me," Pepe said. "When I was growing up, the only color I liked was green. Now I just love all bright colors."



**PEPE AND DIANE SERNA** have filled their home in Balboa Island with brightly-colored Mexican themes, clockwise from top right, including this piece of furniture titled "Nuestro de Senora Guadalupe," painted coconut shells, a painting by Pepe titled "Sweethearts," papier-mache animals from artist Sergio Bustamante, a painted tin piece and a painting by Pepe and landscaping that features palms and bananas.







# Salmon burgers: The other red meat

BY LINDA GASSENHEIMER  
NIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS  
Serve up juicy salmon burgers  
Labor Day weekend. These  
burgers take only minutes  
to make and will add variety to your  
repertoire.

This recipe calls for cooking the  
burgers in a skillet, but if you're fir-  
m on the grill, add these burgers  
to the buns. It's best to use a  
grill grate.

If you are grilling the salmon  
burgers, you can add the corn right  
to the grill for the hot  
corn.

Call for frozen chopped onion  
green bell pepper for speed,  
you can chop fresh onion and  
microwave it on high

for 1 minute.

## Wine suggestion

A juicy pinot noir would be per-  
fect with these burgers.

## Helpful hints

- The salmon may be chopped  
by hand.
- A quick way to chop scallions  
is to snip them with a scissors.
- Any type of hot pepper jelly can  
be used.

## Countdown

- Preheat broiler or toaster oven.
- Place water for corn on to boil.
- Prepare salmon burger.
- Cook burgers and toast ham-  
burger buns.

## Shopping list

To buy: ½ pound salmon fillet, 1  
small jar sweet pickle relish, 1 small  
package frozen diced or chopped  
onion, 1 small package frozen diced  
or chopped green bell pepper, 1  
small container plain bread crumbs,  
1 small package hamburger rolls, 1  
small tomato, 2 medium ears corn,  
1 small jar hot pepper jelly.

Staples: Egg, reduced-fat may-  
onnaise, salt and black peppercorns.

## SALMON BURGERS

- 2 tablespoons reduced-fat may-  
onnaise
- 2 tablespoons sweet pickle rel-  
ish
- 1 cup frozen diced or chopped

onion  
1 cup frozen chopped green bell  
pepper  
½ pound salmon fillets, skin re-  
moved  
2/3 cup plain bread crumbs  
1 egg white  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
Olive oil spray  
2 whole-wheat hamburger rolls  
1 small tomato, sliced  
Preheat broiler or toaster oven.  
Mix mayonnaise with pickle relish  
and set aside. Defrost onion and  
green pepper in a microwave oven

for 30 seconds.

Remove fat from salmon and  
cut into 2-inch cubes. Pulse in  
food processor with the onion, bell  
pepper, bread crumbs, egg white  
and salt and pepper to taste until  
chopped.

Form into 2 (3-inch) patties.  
Heat a nonstick skillet on medium-  
high and spray with olive oil.  
Brown burgers on one side, about  
1 minute. Lower heat to medium  
and cook 4 minutes. Turn over and  
cook another 3 minutes.

Split hamburger rolls in half

and toast under the broiler or in a  
toaster oven until golden. Spread  
mayonnaise mixture on top half of  
the rolls, and place burgers on the  
bottom half. Top with tomato slices  
and close rolls.

Makes 2 servings.

Linda Gassenheimer's latest  
books are "More Low-Carb Meals in  
Minutes" and "Mix 'n Match Meals  
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## HOME AND GARDENING NOTES

BY MARY BETH BRECKENRIDGE  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

## What's new

## Empty nest paint for parents

Talk about niche marketing. California Paints has introduced a coordinated color palette called Empty Nest aimed at newly liberated parents and their desire to reclaim space in their homes for themselves.

The palette comprises calm yellows, greens, reds and tans meant to evoke serenity and a sense of rediscovery of self. But the best feature is the colors' names — among them, Take-Out, Sunday Afternoon, Breakfast in Bed and What Inheritance?

The colors are available in 4-ounce sample sizes, so you can try out an array of possibilities where Junior's Paris Hilton posters once hung.

## Transform photo into artwork

Rembrandts they're not, but your digital photos can be turned into semblances of artwork by the online company PhotoFiddle.com.

The software on the company's Web site lets users crop and enhance their photos to resemble art forms including oil paintings, charcoal drawings, watercolors, collages and pop art, then order a finished print. Finished artwork on stretched or rolled canvas or archival photo paper ranges in size from 8 inches square to 6 feet by 24 feet, and in price from about \$15 to \$2,800.

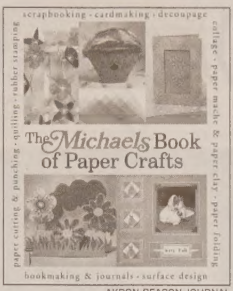
An online tutorial guides users, and customer support is available during normal business hours.

The site is at [www.photofiddle.com](http://www.photofiddle.com).

## The shelf

## New guide to paper crafting

Paper isn't just for writing anymore.



AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

The Michaels Arts & Crafts store chain is celebrating the booming art of paper crafting with "The Michaels Book of Paper Crafts," a comprehensive guide that covers scrapbooking, card making, book and journal making, decoupage, paper folding, collage, quilting and more.

The book covers materials and basic techniques needed for each type of craft, then gives instructions for a selection of projects. In all, 120 projects are included.

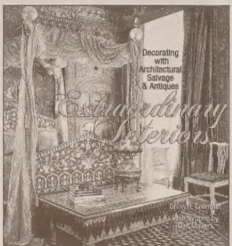
"The Michaels Book of Paper

Crafts" is available at bookstores and Michaels stores. It's published by Lark Books and sells for \$24.95 in hardcover.

## Home castoffs get new life

Anyone who's picked up an old whatnot at a flea market and wondered, "What would I ever do with that?" will appreciate Brian D. Coleman's "Extraordinary Interiors: Decorating with Architectural Salvage & Antiques."

Coleman's book profiles homes where architectural salvage and other old castoffs are given new use. In many cases pieces such as windows and doors are used for their intended purposes, but the book also includes some imaginative examples of adaptive reuse — a vintage trivet turned into a wall sconce, for example, or old school maps used as window shades.



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The homes represent a range of styles, including an over-the-top "pied-a-terre," an elegant San

Francisco Victorian and a Hampton's retreat done in midcentury modern.

"Extraordinary Interiors" is published by Gibbs Smith, Publisher, and sells for \$39.95 in hardcover.

## Q &amp; A

## Hooked rugs can be repaired

Q: Do you know of anyone who repairs hooked rugs?

— Mary LaneHudson, Ohio

A: Dianne Kelly, an accomplished rug-hooker and teacher of the craft who lives in Hiram, Ohio, will repair rugs if they're not too damaged. She can be reached at 330-274-0717.

For more extensive repairs, Kelly recommends Cat House Rugs (get the joke?) in New Albany, Ind., 812-945-7847.

## Feeding hummingbirds

Q: When do we stop feeding the hummingbirds?

— Mary Heckert, East Canton, Ohio

A: Contrary to what some people believe, it's not a problem to leave a hummingbird feeder out in the fall. Miyoko Chu of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, N.Y., said feeding the birds will not discourage them from migrating, and in fact, it will provide fuel for hummingbirds that stop in your yard on their journey south.

The laboratory recommends keeping a feeder up three weeks after you've seen the last hummingbird visit. If the temperature is expected to fall below 28 degrees at night, bring the feeder in-

side so it doesn't freeze, then put it out again early the next morning, Chu suggested.

## Pet web

## Site: Mac's Best Friends

Address: [www.macsbestfriends.com](http://www.macsbestfriends.com)

No doubt as handsome as ever, an aging dog may need a leg up, pardon the pun, climbing stairs and hopping into the van. Dogs with orthopedic problems, ditto.

A \$30 mobility harness can help. The wide support strap with handles is placed under the tummy. You grab the handles and lift while the pooch walks.

Ramps are another godsend. The Web site offers an array of them, \$74 and up, designed to help dogs climb into beds, cars and sofas.

Pooch Pads, reusable, odor-controlling mats to line the bed of incontinent dogs, and Pooch Pants, doggie diapers, may help owners whose dogs have wetting problems.

You'll also find pet waste supplies, grooming products, herbal supplements, specialized leashes and floatable dog toys.

## Your house:

## You can improve air quality of your home

The air in your home could be making you miserable.

Indoor air can be up to five

times as polluted as outdoor air, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports. With asthma and allergies on the rise, a clean home is important for reducing symptoms, said Dr. John Winder, an allergist who chairs the Nationwide Asthma Screening Program of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology.

Here are some tips from Winder and the people who make Oreck vacuum cleaners:

■ Dust with vacuum tools instead of cloths, because cloths can spread dust. Don't ignore hard-to-reach spots such as moldings, drapes and the space under beds.

■ Encase mattresses and pillows in allergen-protective covers, and vacuum mattresses and pillows regularly.

■ Wash linens in hot water (130 degrees or higher) to kill dust mites and their eggs.

■ Deep-clean carpets and other floor surfaces at least once a season.

■ Use an air purifier to remove airborne pollutants.

■ Keep homes cool and dry, with humidity at 50 percent or less. If a humidifier is used, empty it frequently to prevent mold growth in the tank.

■ Don't let pets sleep in the bedroom.

■ Keep dust catchers such as stuffed animals or crowded shelves to a minimum, and vacuum stuffed toys.

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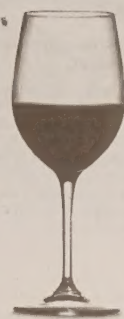
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Birthdays, religious events, engagements, holidays — life is filled with many occasions that often are accompanied by a gathering of friends and family. As you celebrate each milestone or special event, you'll likely host a party or two through the years. And in many cases, you'll be faced with feeding and entertaining a large crowd. Learn ways to plan and execute these parties efficiently and you'll be a master host or hostess each and every time.

There are certain key elements present at most parties: where it will be held, how much it will cost, the menu and entertainment. By catering these elements to the scope of your party, you'll be more likely to achieve success. Here are some pointers to consider.

## Establish a budget

Whether you want to spend a lot or a little on your party, establishing a set budget number will help you keep on track. Plus, no matter which road you take, you don't have to compromise on the elements at your party. For example, a bigger budget might allow for roses on every table, while a smaller would be fine with wildflowers.

A buffet where food will need to seem abundant will be more expensive than a sit-down meal where you'll have control over portions. If you have the funds live musicians or a DJ can be fun, but equally as effective is pre-recorded music you provide.

## Choose a venue

Finding a place to house your party can be a challenge when a large guest list is an issue. Many restaurants have a party or banquet room. Visit local establishments and inquire about their party accommodations and size limits.

Or, you may want to rent out a room from a lodge, church, synagogue or other organization. You may find that you'll need to provide the food and linens, which can be rented or provided by a separate catering service. Others may have a preferred caterer and provide all the embellishments.

Apart from the quality of food. Consider cleanliness, breathing space, and bathroom facilities when booking a room. Guests won't want to sit on top of each other, so be careful not to overbook a small room. If you're hosting at home, make sure you'll have enough seats for at least 85 percent of your guests. Therefore, some can be sitting while others are mingling.

You may want to move bulkier furniture into storage for the length of the party and bring in rental chairs and small folding tables instead.

## Creating a menu

If you are using a caterer or a restaurant, they'll likely have a set party menu. Just be sure you have varied options for guests to try and accommodate as many dietary restrictions as possible. It's courteous to provide a vegetarian option for those who don't eat meat. Usually, most party packages include a choice of three main courses. Buffets may be the way to go to allow guests to pick and choose from a few different dishes.

If you'll be doing the cooking, create dishes that are easy to prepare in advance and heat up on the day of the party. Pastas, rice dishes, and casserole-type dishes are easy to put together. In addition, they're relatively inexpensive and good for feeding a crowd.

To make things easier on yourself, look to large warehouse-type stores such as Costco, BJ's and Sam's Club, or even your supermarket for bulk-sized, pre-prepared foods. For example, eggplant parmelina is much easier to make if you purchase pre-cooked eggplant slices, saving you the time and mess of doing the frying yourself. These

stores may also have large appetizer selections that are literally "heat and eat." Use such shortcuts when you can — guests won't mind or even notice. The simpler the better with soda selections.

Stick to a few basic types, like a cola, non-caffeinated and a diet variety. If alcoholic beverages will be served, it may help to hire a bartender to monitor guests' consumption.

Another good tip is to have some snacks or finger foods available so that guests can fill up, and you won't be pressured to have huge quantities of main dishes. Cheese and crackers, chips and dips, and mini quiches are all fine examples.

## Décor and entertainment

Let the theme of your party dictate how you decorate and what forms of entertainment you provide. For many large events, simple background music or small talk is enough to keep guests entertained. As such, don't feel pressured to hire performers.

If you prefer to hire a musician or do it yourself, just keep the size of the room in mind. You won't want to overpower guests with loud music or make it difficult for them to see or hear the entertainment. If hiring performers for a child's party, make sure the children are old enough to appreciate the performer and won't be scared at his or her presence.

Check with the venue before planning any decorating. Some places have restrictions on attaching decorations to walls or using confetti or other items that can cause a mess afterward. Don't overdo your embellishments so that they compromise the space guests have for mingling. Be courteous to the staff of your venue by cleaning up wrapping paper, streamers and balloons before you leave.

The best advice for throwing a party for a crowd is to get as much help as you can. Enlist people to do specific tasks when available, such as decorating, mailing out invitations or helping with food preparation. On the day of your event, just relax and enjoy the occasion. If you're prepared, you'll have few worries come party day.



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